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Annual reports made at W. S. C. S. meeting.
Pledges and Budget for year. Pledges reported to District Secretary
Installation of officers. A Guide provided for each officer.
Officers' Training Day.

February

World Day of Prayer for Missions.
Southcentral Jurisdiction Conference,
St. Louis, Missouri, February 20, 21, 22.

March

Executive Committee meeting.
Reports sent to Conference officers and District officers.
Sixth Annual Conference W. S. C. S., Baton Rouge
March 19, 20, 21.

April

Reports of first Quarter made at W.S.C.S. District meetings
The Second Assembly, Columbus, Ohio, April 29-May 2.

May

Houma Mission Day.
District Officers' Training Day.

June

Executive Committee Meetings Report sent Conference and District officers.
Pastors' School and School for Christian Workers,
Centenary College, June 10-14.
Training class for secretaries of Missionary Education,
Crossville, Tennessee, June 11-25.

July

Study of Conference Minutes in W. S. C. S.
Reports of Second Quarter made at W. S. C. S.
School of Missions, Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas
July 1-11.
Christian Social Relations Seminar, De Pauw University,
Greencastle, Indiana July 3-17.

September

District Educational Seminars.
Executive Committee meetings.
Reports sent Conference and District officers.

October

Mid-year Conference Executive Committee meeting,
Haynesville, Louisiana.
Reports of third quarter made at W. S. C. S.
Week of Prayer.

November

Appointment of election of nominating committee
for W. S. C. S.

December

Pledges and offerings paid in full.
Election of officers.
Executive committee meetings.
Annual reports sent Conference and District officers.

PRAYER SPECIALS

I do not know how such things can be,
But I do know He speaks with me,
Not from the grass nor from the sod,
But in my heart the voice of God,
Speaking Spirit unto spirit;
And if I listen, I can hear it—
Voice of God that calls to me
Out of His infinity!

—Ralph Spaulding Cushman

Pray that the Woman's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana may increase in members, gifts, interest, missionary vision and prayer life.

Pray daily for the Conference workers; workers at MacDonnell School, St. Marks Community Center, Business Girls' Inn, Sager-Brown Home, People's Community Center

Pray that the women of our church may have the courage to face the vital issues of the day, and act according to the principles of Jesus in helping solve them.

Pray for our missionaries throughout the world.

Pray for the Crusade for Christ:

1. In deepening the spiritual life of the church and bringing the unchurched to Christ and into church membership.
2. In helping every church member to become a true steward in the use of time, ability and possessions in the service of the Church.

Pray for Missionary personnel adequate for the work of the church at home and abroad.

Pray for people in war-torn lands—that their bodily suffering may be lessened and that in their mental and spiritual anguish they may be comforted by His spirit.

Pray for the United Nations Organization that it may become an effective instrument for a just and enduring peace; and for our country—that it may become a Christian influence in this achievement.

ROLL OF REMEMBRANCE

"Alive Forever!"

"I am alive forever!"

This is the word He said;

In Him there is no dying

In Him there are no dead;

"I am alive forever!"—

This is His word to me,

Through springtime after springtime,

To live eternally.

—Ralph Spaulding Cushman

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| 1945 Pledge to Division | \$35,500.00 |
| 1946 Increase | 2,000.00 |
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| 1946 Pledge to Division | \$37,500.00 |
| Pledge to Conference Cultivation Fund..... | 3,349.00 |
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| Total Pledge | \$40,849.00 |
| To be divided as follows: | |
| Alexandria | 4,171.00 |
| Baton Rouge | 4,720.00 |
| Lake Charles | 4,379.00 |
| Monroe | 5,210.00 |
| New Orleans | 6,185.00 |
| Ruston | 5,520.00 |
| Shreveport | 10,664.00 |
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| | \$40,849.00 |

JURISDICTION CONFERENCE REPORT

"Look on the fields; send forth the laborers." With this thought as its theme, the Annual Meeting of the W. S. C. S. of the South Central Jurisdiction opened its sessions in spacious and well-appointed St. John's Church. Even the weather contrived to make real the genuine spirit of hospitality displayed by the Methodists of St. Louis, the St. Louis District, and the St. Louis Conference. Flowers were evident not only as Church decorations, but Conference delegates wore them on head and over heart. Some there were who wore orchids as special tokens of love, appreciation, and welcome. Among these were our own two presidents—Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Sexton.

The Conference balanced a wholesome combination of inspiration and information, and that it moved forward on schedule, without seeming strain or hurry, was a tribute to the poised and effective manner in which the President, Mrs. Sexton, dispatched the business of the Conference.

The Louisiana Conference had its full quota of delegates, who were Mrs. Pollard, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Laskey, Mrs. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Dameron. Because of this conference we have been invested with the high privilege and grave responsibility of making known throughout our Conference the urgent need for Christian workers, which prompted the theme: "Look on the fields; send forth the laborers."

It was good to feel the guiding hands of our Jurisdiction officers; to catch the enthusiasm each one felt for her particular responsibility; to sense the earnest spirit of each one for the on-going of this part of the Lord's work in this part of His vineyard. All of the reports were helpful, and we listened eagerly for some special mention of the Louisiana Conference. We were not disappointed, and some interesting information came out in regard to our last year's work. The Louisiana Conference ranked second in the amount given through supplies for home work, falling only slightly behind the large Nebraska Conference. However, on a basis of membership giving in supplies, Louisiana came first with \$1.49 per capita. According to amount paid on the pledge, the Louisiana Conference had the largest per capita giving in the Jurisdiction—"6.14 as against the average for the Jurisdiction of \$3.31. The Louisiana Conference also overpaid its pledge by the largest amount—\$15,000. In Special Membership the Louisiana Conference ranked second, and came third in increased memberships of 8.4%. Only the Southwest Mexican Conference reached the goal of 10 per cent increase in membership. But all this is what we have done. Our eyes and plans must turn now to the future. It was a proud moment for us when Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Kilpatrick pledged for the women of Louisiana \$37,500—an increase of \$2,000—for sending forth laborers to an already ripe harvest. Amounts ranging from the \$350 pledge of the Southwest Mexican Conference to the \$61,000 pledge of the Central Kansas Conference brought the Jurisdiction pledge to a total of \$589,103.95.

Always in meetings of this kind there are moments of high expectancy and earnest worship. Always, too, there are personalities that stand out, pleading for tall and stalwart Christians against a background of mediocrity. To recapture those moments of expectancy and worship and to make real the challenge of an outstanding personality is a hopeless task in these few moments. I must, therefore, simply try to lift out what impressed me most and hope it will prove meaningful to you.

Mrs. Sexton, speaking on "Glimpses of Green Fields" stressed the responsibilities and opportunities of Christian women in a world of problems and inherited power. The Christian approach to peace, she said, is not alone in the absence of war, but in Christian living, and

the principles of the Sermon on the Mount are still more praised than practiced.

Bishop Ivan Lee Holt, of the St. Louis Area, brought the noonday Quiet Hour messages, using as his theme, "The Church In This Day." Speaking the first day on "The Body of Christ," he raised the universally discussed question, "What kind of people will we have in tomorrow's world?" This question must be answered by the Christian Churches of Germany, Italy, England, the United States, Japan—all countries—recognizing that the strength of the early Church came not from numbers nor from perfection of its members, but rather from the great concept of the Church's mission, held by the Followers of the Way. Paul said, "The Church is the body of Christ," and in his day, it was a suffering body. Once again we must think of ourselves as the Body of Christ—not an organization—a body willing to forego special privileges and even to endure suffering if necessary.

Bishop Holt used the theme, "A Colony of Heaven" to show how progress is being made toward Christian unity despite Christianity's minority status. However, there are great ocean tides sweeping against the Christian Church, and only unity and daring can turn those tides.

Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon, Executive Secretary under the Woman's Division, for Africa and Europe, spoke on "New Trends in Missions" and illustrated her points in terms of Africa, from which she has recently returned. She emphasized the new trend of cooperation among the great denominational boards in carrying forward the program of missions; the Gospel of Christ for the total life—ministering to spirit, but also to body and mind; new ways of bringing more people to know about Christ, such as the use of the radio on the mission fields; and the relation of missions to world order—an interest in what happens to all people everywhere.

Miss Seeck, who had lived for six years as a refugee in China and had carried on her work a part of the time from a Buddhist Temple, urged the Christian people of America to take hold of the eternal realities that the Church might cast off the paralyzing influences in which it is drifting and itself launch a great offensive on God. She said the Christian Church in China has never enjoyed greater prestige than now, a condition brought about primarily by the unselfish way in which the Christians have ministered to the suffering Chinese in both free and occupied China.

Dr. Hugh Stuntz, President of Scarritt College, and Dr. Carpenter, President of the Kansas City Training School, representatives of two of the Church's agencies for training full-time Christian workers, told how daily they receive telegrams, long-distance calls, and letters, pleading for trained youths who will answer the call of the various services of the Church.

There is never a more thrilling moment than when Ambassadors of Christ at home and abroad tell of their work and experiences. India, China, Brazil, little-known and difficult places in the United States came alive when we see and hear their representatives. India's mass movement toward Christianity, China's great need for doctors and nurses, Brazil's progress in the light of evangelical Christianity—all these conditions and many more—thrill and challenge us.

This was election year. It was a real privilege to have a part in choosing the Jurisdiction officers for the remainder of the quadrennium. Several former officers found it necessary to give up their duties, so the roster of officers will be bearing some new names. President of Jurisdiction retained, one of these in particular, you will be hearing of. She is a new officer with a new office. May I present her to you? Mrs. J. B. Pollard.

"Look on the fields—send forth the laborers". Like a golden thread this theme wove itself through the Conference program. It was the plea of every Missionary and Deaconess, the call of every officer, the

prayer of every speaker. Never has "now" been such an urgent "now"; never the need so great. If we could realize that the future of Christian Church and the world's salvation depend upon us, our own sons and daughters would not be too good to go. Truly "The Voice of God Is Calling"—calling to look on the fields—send forth the laborers.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING OF THE WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE OF THE LOUISIANA CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST CHURCH WEST MONROE, LOUISIANA—OCTOBER 23-25, 1945

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23, 1945

The gracious hospitality of the West Monroe Woman's Society of Christian Service to the emergency call of the President, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, was felt when they were hostesses to the Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, October 23-25, 1945.

A lovely six o'clock dinner, a courtesy of the local society, opened the meeting, following which the group assembled for the first business session.

New hymns of the Crusade, led by Mrs. David Tarver with her sweet voice were learned and sung together for the worship service, they were "Courage of Christ", "Set Us Afire, Lord", and "Thou Art The Way, The Truth and Life". Mrs. Campbell closed the service with prayer.

Mrs. Pollard announced that these new hymns are to be found in "Tidings" Magazine, the year of Evangelism Manuel. She urged their use in local churches, and spoke of the inspiration found in this Magazine, and in the "New Life" Magazine. She further announced that Miss Grace Gatewood would have charge of the Retreat on Wednesday morning, with the West Monroe Society, District Officers living in Monroe, Presidents and Spiritual Life Leaders of Monroe as special guests.

Mrs. Pollard graciously welcomed and introduced the new members of the Executive Committee; the new Secretaries of Organization and Promotion; Mrs. Stewart Deas, Ruston District; Mrs. Sam Dunbar, New Orleans District and Miss Mollye Stewart, Alexandria District; the new District Presidents; Mrs. George Whitener, Alexandria; Mrs. Hance Wilson, Baton Rouge; Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Monroe; Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, New Orleans and Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Ruston; two special Conference guest; Mrs. David Tarver, former Spiritual Life Secretary and Miss Grace Gatewood, Deaconess, First Church, Shreveport.

Mrs. Laskey called the roll and regret was expressed over the absence of a number of members. Messages from each were read, explaining their absence.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard expressed her sincere appreciation to the West Monroe Society for graciously entertaining the Executive Committee in an emergency situation.

Mrs. Pollard then reported upon her activities and many stimulating contacts made since the Emergency Committee Meeting in New Orleans in February. She stated that she had attended the Demobilization Workshop, District Meetings, Evangelistic Planning Committee, School of Missions and Board Meetings at Macdonnell School. She explained that funds had been allocated from the Crusade collections for main-

taining work among the Dulac Indians for a three year period. She wished the Executive Committee to discuss this project and be prepared to vote, at a later date, whether they would like to make the work a joint project of the Conference Board of Missions and the Woman's Society—with the Woman's Society assuming their share of the financial obligation.

Mrs. Pollard gave an interesting account of the Conference workers, telling of their accomplishments in their various fields of service. The Student Secretaries, Miss Fay Barr at Louisiana Tech, Ruston; Miss Lucile Pearce, Northwestern College, Natchitoches and the new worker, Miss Janice Beck, Southwestern College, Lafayette, are all doing excellent work, while Miss Eva Crenshaw is accomplishing much in rural work. Mrs. Pollard stated that Lyvonne German, who formerly attended Scarritt, is now enrolled in the School of Social Work, Tulane University, and Patricia McHugh, who suffered imprisonment by the Japanese, is now slowly recuperating in New Orleans.

Mrs. Pollard refreshed the memory of the members by asking them to recall that the Executive Body had voted that the increase in the pledge to the Woman's Division should go for a Negro worker in New Orleans. This has been accomplished, and a graduate of Dillard University is now employed in the People's Community Center in New Orleans. She also stated that the salaries of the workers at Macdonnell School had been increased, also the salary of the student worker at Lafayette.

Mrs. Pollard announced that as a result of a plea for workers made by the Wesleyan Service Guild, Miss Connie Peck, a nurse, has volunteered to go into missionary work. The District Presidents, and Secretaries of Organization and Promotion were instructed to find if any funds are available in their respective Districts to send Miss Peck to Scarritt.

In her illuminating way, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter told of the plans and activities resulting from the last Quarterly Board Meeting of the Woman's Division and Joint Division of the Board of Missions and Church Extension. She stated that many of the dreams of unification have actually come true, the period of pioneering is now over, and the Woman's Society of Christian Service is now potentially the most powerful and largest organization of women. This glorious achievement has been won with a minority of the women of the Church and the urgent need is for an increase in membership, so that all may be informed of the fields of work and the wonderful opportunities for service.

From the Joint Division, that is responsible for the promotional work, Mrs. Ledbetter brought the information that the "World Outlook" is in a splendid financial condition and only the paper shortage curtails an even larger expansion. The Finance and Estimates Committee appropriations for the year 1946-47 was \$3,729,000, an increase of \$178,000 over the previous year. She explained that when all askings are in from Home, Foreign and Christian Social Relations Departments, the money available is prorated to the many fields of service. Mrs. Ledbetter read an outline of the proposed program for the Christian Social Relations Meeting to be held in Buckhills Falls in December and a number of recommendations that will be discussed there and acted upon.

She concluded her talk by giving the report from the Committee on Joint Missionary Personnel, saying that in December, six young women from the Woman's Division, one from the Foreign Division and three young couples would be commissioned.

Mrs. Pomeroy read a recommendation from the Woman's Division suggesting that Conferences make requests for District Workshops, as such a program will be held in one Conference in the Jurisdiction.

These Workshops are to be inter-racial and inter-denominational and specialists in the field chosen for discussion will be sent to the Districts.

Mrs. Pomeroy requested that this matter be discussed, and action would be taken later during the Executive Meeting.

Mrs. Metcalf made announcements concerning the plans for the following day, after which the meeting was closed with prayer.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 24, 1945

An inspiring Retreat, conducted by Miss Grace Gatewood, Deaconess, First Methodist Church, Shreveport, was held in the auditorium of the Church. Special guests for the occasion were members of the West Monroe Society, District Officers living in Monroe, Presidents and Spiritual Life Leaders. Miss Gatewood used as her theme, "The New Life". Quiet music, "Still, Still With Thee", began the worshipful service, and was followed by the singing of hymn No. 179—"Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart".

Mrs. Pollard explained that the purpose of the Retreat was for the deepening of the spiritual life and for revitalizing the spirit through prayer and meditation.

Mrs. Dameron talked earnestly on the divine compulsion of the Church. A firm stand has not been taken on many of the vital issues of the day and both the Church and its members have compromised with conditions about them. She gave startling figures on the increase of alcoholism, crime and juvenile delinquency and urged the Church and its leaders to take a firm, courageous stand to combat these forces.

The great Crusade hymn "Set Us Afire, Lord", was sung as a solo by Mrs. David Tarver, then in unison by the group followed by a period of self-examination and repentance. A litany of confession, directed by Miss Gatewood was followed by an explanation of the "New Life Movement", by Mrs. Lee Tidwell. She told that it was originated and directed by Dr. Clarence Day. Mrs. Tidwell urged that we do not give ourselves to purposeless, meaningless "busyness", but consecrate ourselves to the high purpose of busy service.

The hymn, "Courage of Christ", was sung by Mrs. Tarver and the group after which Miss Gatewood talked on the vitality of the prayer life, saying we do not need to learn more about prayer but we need to pray more.

Mrs. Glenn Laskey talked on "Power and Its Manifestations". She said we have been mystified and terrified by the new atomic power, but we have at our command the power of God that is as dynamic as the forces of nature. God can channel this life giving force into our lives, then transmit it through us into the lives of others.

A hymn "Thou Are The Way", was sung by Mrs. David Tarver, after which Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick spoke on "Establishing More Christian Homes". She enumerated the forces that are disrupting home life and emphasized the necessity of a Christian wife and mother in the home. A Christian mother truly sets the tone of the home and plants the seeds of truth and love in the hearts and minds of the children. She closed her talk by giving the "Ten Commandments for a Happy Home".

Against a background of the world's great needs, and its depth of suffering, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter emphasized the necessity of the Church and its members making Christianity a living force, thus transmitting moral and spiritual power to the vital issues of the day. Her talk was closed with the group singing in unison, "A Charge To Keep I Have".

Culminating the discussion was Miss Gatewood's thought-provoking talk on "Our Resources". During difficult and trying times, she

said, one must remember that all the resources of God are at our command. These resources may be utilized and made ours in a number of different ways:

1. Through worship;
3. Through communing with friends;
2. Through communing with nature;
4. Through love of people;
5. Through communion with God.

She analyzed why we are without resources and why we are without power—because our sins have separated us from God—when all these resources might be ours.

A deeply moving service of consecration, with the group kneeling about the altar closed the Retreat.

A delightful luncheon hour followed, a courtesy of the West Monroe Society.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, OCTOBER 24, 1945

Mrs. Ensminger reopened the afternoon's business session with prayer.

Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell and a second by Mrs. Dameron, it was voted that those members, who are in sorrow and in trouble be remembered with messages of love and sympathy. Mrs. Kilpatrick and Mrs. Fairchild were appointed to send telegrams to Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. C. C. Hightower, Mrs. W. A. Barnwell and Mrs. Lonnie Clark.

Announcements were made concerning plans for the afternoon and evening meeting and or the luncheon at the Francis Hotel the following day.

The Vice-President, Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, explained that she is endeavoring to become acquainted with duties of her new office. She is stressing World Federation of Methodist Women and promoting special memberships. To date \$3,685 has been paid on special memberships. It was suggested that the District Treasurer report all names of special members to District Vice-Presidents.

Mrs. Ledbetter stated that it has been recommended by the Woman's Division that the Vice-President in the local society be relieved of the cultivation of special memberships, since she is Chairman of the Program Committee and this duty be delegated to some member of the Finance Committee.

At this point a telegram of greeting was read from Mrs. W. S. Row, former Secretary of Organization and Promotion of the Ruston District.

Mrs. Glen Laskey gave the Recording Secretary's report, explaining the delay in printing the minutes and stating that the total cost of printing 1300 copies of the minutes amounted to \$363.25. There were requests for additional copies of the minutes from Mrs. Ensminger and Miss Stewart. It was suggested that one time during the year an officers training class be conducted on the use of the Conference and Division Minutes.

Mrs. Laskey wished to know whether the Executive Committee wished to continue editing the Advocate page in the same manner as last year, since she felt it was not an entirely satisfactory arrangement. Suggestions were made concerning some changes in the page, but no action taken.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Secretary of Literature and Publications, told that she is endeavoring to work out some plan whereby the literature may be more stimulating to the women since it contains much vital, inspirational material. She stated that the program material and the Week of Prayer material had been mailed each

society. She displayed report blanks to be used by the District Secretary of Literature and Publications. Mrs. Davidson explained that due to war conditions, only one issue of the "Conference News" had been published this year. She asked for suggestions about continuing the news. A number of valuable suggestions were made, as the Executive Committee felt the News was of value to local societies.

Upon motion of Mrs. Conger and a second by Mrs. Manning, it was voted that the Finance Committee work out some plan whereby the "Conference News" could be published once each quarter.

Mrs. Lee Tidwell told of an interesting innovation that has begun in the Shreveport District. Used copies of Missionary Education Studies, Bible Studies, etc., along with back copies of the "World Outlook" and "Methodist Woman" are sent by societies to the District Secretary of Literature and Publication, who serves as Librarian for the "Literature Pool". Then small societies unable to buy literature may borrow from the pool.

Mrs. Kilpatrick expressed sincere appreciation to the Executive Body for organizing the Districts, explaining that her work is considerably lightened, and thanked the District Treasurers for their efficient manner in handling the funds. She distributed copies of her report for the first three quarters of 1945, discussing receipts and disbursements in detail. She stated that the report shows an increase in giving along all lines and despite raising the pledge \$2,200 the total pledge of \$35,500 is practically paid in full.

Mrs. Pollard explained that Mrs. Kilpatrick no longer received the \$25.00 per month expense account allowed her since she has the assistance of the District Treasurers. This amount is now turned over to the District for their expenses.

Mrs. Kilpatrick explained that the amount paid in to the Cultivation Fund is not sufficient to take care of all expenses. She wanted to know if surplus funds held over from previous years might be applied on Cultivation Funds. Mrs. Ledbetter referred her to Section 5, Conference Minutes under "Funds", but further suggested that she wait until after the first quarter of the new year, after all prospective expenses are estimated, and the new Cultivation Fund is collected, then if there is surplus money in the treasury it must revert to the General Fund.

Mrs. Pomeroy moved and Mrs. Manning seconded the motion that the Finance Committee bring in a recommendation concerning the supplementing of Cultivation Funds from money left in the treasury and if necessary, recommend a change in the by-law governing this. Motion carried.

Mrs. Ledbetter urgently requested that information reach local societies that missionary money overpaid on the pledge, over and above amount allocated for local works and Christian Social Relations, be sent to the District Treasurer.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy gave the following financial statement for the Department of Christian Social Relations:

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| Receipts | \$365.00 |
| Disbursements: | |
| First Quarter | \$ 74.20 |
| Workshop | 127.57 |
| Second Quarter | 51.26 |
| Third Quarter | 83.43 |
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| | \$336.46 |
| Balance on Hand | \$ 28.54 |

In addition \$100.00 was sent to the Conscientious Objectors Fund. At this point, Mrs. G. W. Dameron asked permission to submit to the Finance Committee for further consideration, a request for the

support of a Louisiana missionary in Africa. She told that Miss Eleanor Ashby, formerly of Fluker, Louisiana, is now serving as a registered nurse in the Rhodesia Conference in Africa, at a salary of \$900 per year. She suggested that the Conference might begin from the time of the action taken, or assume it upon her arrival at her charge and direct a portion of the increase in the pledge for 1946 to her support.

Mrs. Pollard gave an interesting account of Miss Ashby's early life in Fluker, and suggested that the overpayment on the pledge in 1945 might go to pay her salary for this year, then a portion of the increase in pledge for 1946 could be directed to pay her salary.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to bring in a recommendation concerning Miss Ashby's support.

Mrs. Pollard requested that members come to Missionary Institutes prepared to make a gift to the Dulac Indian project. It is proposed that building shares sell for \$25.00 each. She further announced that Mrs. C. I. Jones has made a generous gift to this project. This will be counted as a special missionary project.

Mrs. Pollard announced the following Committee appointments:

Finance—Mrs. Kilpatrick, Mrs. Fairchild, Mrs. Jones, Mrs. Conger and Mrs. Ledbetter.

Organization and Promotion—Mrs. Campbell, Secretaries of Organization and Promotion and District Presidents.

Conference Program—Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Aycock, Mrs. Pomeroy, Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Fairchild.

Resolutions—Mrs. Laskey and Mrs. Davidson.

Findings from Retreat—Mrs. Pomeroy and Mrs. Conger.

Mrs. Pollard announced that the annual Conference would be held in Baton Rouge. The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 24, 1945

Following late Committee Meetings the group assembled for a pleasant supper hour. At the close of the meal Mrs. Metcalf called the President, Mrs. Harper, and her efficient Committee into the dining room and presented them to the group. Mrs. Laskey read the Resolutions thanking the society for their gracious courtesy, and as an outward expression of appreciation, Mrs. Ed Conger, Secretary of Children's Work, presented dainty little Miss Diane McBride, niece of Mrs. Harper with a baby life membership.

The Committee reconvened for business with Mrs. Fairchild opening the session with prayer. Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy gave a stimulating and challenging report on Christian Social Relations. She said it is truly a grave responsibility to lead Methodist women in days like these; we must find our proper relations to all that is happening; we must stand for what we believe is right in the inter-racial, economic and legislative fields. One thing that is wrong with the world is:

1. There are not enough good people.
2. Those who are good don't stand for the things they think are right.

Mrs. Pomeroy spoke on the work of the Louisiana Legislative Council, telling of the Quarterly Meetings and the five projects that have been selected for support. They are:

1. To have the State Superintendent of Education appointed, rather than elected.
2. To secure better care for the chronically ill and aged.
3. To improve conditions in our mental institutions.
4. To approve appropriations for the five tubercular hospitals and to provide funds to equip and support these hospitals.

5. To investigate and improve conditions in our juvenile institutions.

Mrs. Pomeroy urged the women to begin arousing public opinion in favor of these proposals. It will take work and courage to stand for these things, and some expense will be involved. Upon motion of Mrs. Ledbetter and a second by Mrs. Dameron, it was voted that an amount not to exceed \$100.00 be taken from the Christian Social Relations budget to work for the Legislative Council.

Mrs. Pomeroy further urged that the women endeavor to interest some well qualified Christian teacher to take the course on Alcohol Education offered at Yale University. A fellowship can be made available through the Jurisdiction Christian Social Relations Committee. She announced that Rev. Rickey will be available for District Meetings to speak on Alcohol Education. He is well qualified to speak since he had completed his study on Alcohol at Yale University.

Mrs. Pomeroy was given approval to expend the necessary funds allocated to her to bring together the District Christian Social Relations Committee and the Standing Committee for a meeting before Annual Conference.

She wished to know the sentiment of the group concerning District Workshops—stating that only one Conference in the Jurisdiction would have meetings of this sort. They will be inter-faith and inter-racial. It was suggested that since the group was undecided about the advisability of having the Workshops, that Mrs. Pomeroy write each District President and District Secretary of Organization and Promotion asking if such Workshops would be accepted.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron passed copies of her Fourth Quarterly letter on Missionary Education. She reported an increase in study classes, with 160 in 1945, compared with 108 in 1944 and an increase in classes for Jurisdictional credit. She expressed gratification over the success of the Educational Seminars held in the seven Districts in September. She thanked the District Secretaries of Missionary Education for the excellently planned and executed Seminars.

Mrs. Aycock stated that she felt the student work had greatly benefited by the organization of the Districts—more reports have been received. She stressed the goal of a Student Secretary in every Society. The work shows a steady advance along many lines but particularly with the returning service personnel.

Mrs. Conger stated that much more children's work is being done than is reported. She reminded the group that the missionary units are written into the Church school literature and are taught in this manner and through vacation Church schools. She reported a keen interest in supplies and an increase in giving to the two projects. In addition many churches are promoting family nights and study groups. Financial receipts are low from the children's work because funds are collected only from additional sessions.

Since Mrs. Sartor was unable to be present the Secretary read a brief report from her stating that youth work is showing some improvement over the same period last year. Mrs. Sartor said that she has been helping promote the youth rallies and urged the cooperation of the Church as a whole in promoting the youth meetings.

The Secretary read a letter from Miss Grace Lawson expressing regret over her inability to attend the meeting. She expressed appreciation for the privilege of attending the School of Mission at Mt. Sequoyah; for the assistance given her in organizing the guilds in the Districts and for the speakers from the Woman's Society. She reported 56 guilds, with a membership of 870 members. Miss Lawson asked for suggestions concerning a place for the Conference Guild to meet. Alexandria was suggested, since it is centrally located. She asked further that a Conference Guild member be elected to fill Mrs. Hugh Hoff's vacancy. Mrs. Fairchild was nominated and unanimously

elected.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell gave a most interesting report of her work as Secretary of Organization. She reported on the excellence of the District Organization, saying from the interest shown she anticipated advances along all lines of work. A slight loss in both membership and in number of societies was noted during the year. There are 248 societies with a membership of 8187—this is a loss of 5 societies and eleven members. It is hoped that with the ending of the war, and a gradual stabilization of the population there will be an increase in membership. There are at present, 13 unorganized charges, but Monroe and Shreveport have the distinction of having no unorganized charges. Financial gains are noted along all lines.

Recommendations from the Committee on Organization and Promotion were read by Mrs. Campbell and after discussion were adopted as read:

RECOMMENDATIONS

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

1. That earnest effort and serious planning be given the work of organizing new societies and keeping alive those already organized until a goal is reached of at least one society in every charge.

In order to accomplish the above that District Secretaries of Organization and Promotion organize small groups and if necessary use the "adaptation plan".

II. That a report be sent by District Officers to the District President of any local officer failing to send in a quarterly report and that District Presidents contact these officers urging them to send quarterly reports regularly. That local officers be urged to get their reports to district officers by the first of the month following the end of the quarter.

III. That each local society appoint a well qualified person as Chairman of Missionary Personnel to co-operate with youth workers in the local church.

IV. That every effort be made to reach the goals set in the membership campaign and that before the end of the year "Welcome Services" be planned for new members at which time they shall be presented with the "Welcome Envelope".

V. That the Woman's Society of Christian Service cooperate with the Crusade for Christ, using this opportunity to enlist women as members of the Society as well as the Church.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Chairman

Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Secretary.

Mrs. Davidson read the Recommendations from the Committee on Conference Planning and after discussion were adopted, with the provision that the Conference Committee make any changes necessary.

The Conference Planning Committee recommends:

1. That the dates for Conference be March 19, 20, 21, 1946.

2. That guests for Conference be: Miss Dorothy McConnell and Bishop Paul Martin or Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon or some person from the Mission field.

3. That the theme for Conference be "The Courage of Christ." The Crusade songs be the Theme Songs.

4. That the Conference open at 2:00 P. M., Tuesday, March 19.

5. That planning committees meet as usual.

6. That there be two dinners during Conference: (a) A Crusade dinner the opening night, with Mrs. Davidson as toastmistress; (b) a Special Membership dinner the second evening, presided over by Mrs. Fairchild.

7. That the work of all institutions in the Conference be pres-

ented.

8. That the Executive Committee meet Monday evening and Tuesday morning preceding Conference.

9. That the meeting the second evening close with the Communion Service.

10. That Mrs. David Tarver be invited to be Conference song leader.

11. That the Conference program be as follows:

(a) That the Conference President's report be presented at the evening service, the opening day.

(b) That some major work in the field of Christian Social Relations be presented, with a well qualified speaker.

(c) That 30 minutes be given for Literature and Publications with Miss McConnell on the program.

(d) That there be a student hour, for Mrs. Aycock and the student workers, with Fay Barr speaking for student work.

(e) That there be an officers panel discussion, with Mrs. Laskey as leader.

(f) That Mrs. Conger lead the Memorial Service.

(g) That Mrs. Campbell lead the District Officers hour.

(h) That Mrs. Ledbetter be asked to give the Scripture reading and prayer, the second evening.

(i) That Mrs. Sexton be invited to present Miss McConnell.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. G. W. Dameron

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy

Mrs. L. C. Aycock

Mrs. Glenn Laskey

Mrs. S. J. Fairchild.

Mrs. Conger concluded the evening's meeting by giving a humorous account of the Findings from the Educational Seminar. The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

THURSDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 25, 1945

The morning worship was conducted by Mrs. Sam Dunbar, using the day's meditation from the Upper Room.

A letter from Miss Shiela Nuttall was read, expressing appreciation for the congratulatory telegram sent her and telling of her interesting work. For the benefit of those who might like to write her, her address is:

Scarritt College,

Rural Center,

Crossville, Tennessee.

A letter of appreciation was read from Rev. and Mrs. G. W. Carter of the Peoples' Community Center, 2009 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, telling of their work among the Negroes and thanking the Conference for the services of a well qualified worker.

A letter from Mrs. J. D. Bragg was read, telling of the proposed plans for the Assembly to be held in May 1946. She gave information concerning delegates, but stated that detailed information would be sent out later.

Mrs. Pollard submitted for reconsideration the Dulac Indian work. She stated that \$5,800 had been given from Crusade funds, and this was thought sufficient to maintain the work for three years. In addition there is about \$7,000 in the Building fund. In order to continue the work after three years, it is proposed that the Indian work be

made a joint project of the Annual Conference Board of Missions and the Louisiana Woman's Society of Christian Service. Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell and a second by Mrs. Dameron it was voted that the Woman's Society of Christian Service assume its share of the financial obligation at the end of the three year period.

Mrs. Pollard asked that the local societies be informed of this work and asked if possible during 1946 to place in the local budget funds to buy a share in the building project. Shares will be \$25 each.

Mrs. Fairchild moved and Mrs. Tidwell seconded that any money that comes to the Treasurer for Dulac Indians may be directed to the building fund.

Motion carried.

Mrs. Pollard explained that the Jurisdictional delegates who were elected at the Mid-Year Meeting in Arcadia in 1945 were elected for only one year. Mrs. Ledbetter explained that since there had been no Annual Conference in 1945, the Executive Committee has the power to act as an ad-interim committee and has the power to confirm the delegates elected at Arcadia. Upon motion of Mrs. Ledbetter and a second by Mrs. Metcalf, it was voted that the Executive Body confirm the election of the Jurisdictional delegates elected at the Mid-Year Meeting in Arcadia.

Mrs. Pollard requested the new District President and the rest of the Executive Committee to express their opinion about re-electing Jurisdictional delegates at the Conference in 1946. She explained that all delegates elected in Arcadia were new. After discussion, the Executive Body expressed the unanimous opinion that since two years of the quadrennium has passed these six delegates should retain office for the remainder of the quadrennium.

Reports on deaconess advisory committees followed.

Mrs. Laskey said that Faye Barr is doing excellent work at Louisiana Tech. She attended Garrett Bible Institute during the summer, working on her master's degree. The work is on a fine basis.

Mrs. Campbell said the work at Southwestern under the supervision of the new student worker, Miss Janice Beck, shows improvement. Mrs. Campbell was most enthusiastic over Miss Eva Crenshaw's work at Indian Bayou. She is training leaders to take places of responsibility. Mrs. Campbell commended the enduring work that Sheila Nuttall did in this section. It has proved to be of lasting value.

Mrs. Pollard spoke highly of the work of Miss Lucile Pearce at Natchitoches. She is receiving excellent support from both the faculty and the students.

Mrs. Pomeroy moved and Mrs. Aycock seconded that the possibility of sending the three student workers to the National Student Conference in Urbana, Illinois be investigated. Motion carried.

After discussing the various means of sending the workers it was decided to leave this with Mrs. Pollard and Mrs. Kilpatrick to work out a plan for financing the trip.

The Recommendations from the Finance Committee were read by Mrs. Conger, Secretary of the Committee and after discussion were adopted as follows:

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

Executive Meeting, West Monroe, La., October 24, 1945

1. We recommend that all monies of Local Societies, except those designated for community service and local church activities, over and above the pledge to missions, shall be sent to the District Treasurers at the end of the year.

2. We recommend that whenever possible, reports be sent the District Treasurer by the first of the month following the close of the quarter

3. We recommend that the District Treasurers secure from each local society an itemized budget, thus enabling the District Treasurer to estimate the pledge of each society. These figures should be made available to the Conference Treasurer before February 1, 1946.

4. We recommend the following on MacDonnell School Scholarships:

(a) That names of children on MacDonnell Scholarships be assigned to local societies, and zones or districts supporting one or more scholarships.

(b) That the District Treasurers secure from the Local Treasurers the amount pledged to Macdonnell Scholarships.

(c) That should we fail to reach the amount pledged for MacDonnell Scholarships to the Division, namely \$6,000, that the Conference shall supplement this amount from the general pledge.

5. We recommend that the District Treasurers handle all funds of the District except the Methodist Youth fund which is sent from the local church to the CHURCH Conference Treasurer.

6. We recommend the following on District Cultivation expense:

(a) That the District Cultivation Fund be based upon ten cents per capita. The actual amount for cultivation will be the ten cents per member remitted by the local societies.

(b) That the District Executive Committee determine the best use of the fund and make allocation to the officers. (We suggest \$7.50 quarterly to the District Secretary of Organization and Treasurer, all other officers submitting expense accounts for approval to the President and District Secretary of Organization.)

(c) That regular amounts allocated and voted by the District Executive Committee may be disbursed by the Treasurer without order by the President and the District Secretary of Organization.

(d) That the District Treasurers withhold the fourth quarter cultivation sent in by the local Treasurers during the fourth quarter of 1945 for use of cultivation in the districts during the first quarter of 1946.

(e) That all money in the cultivation fund at the end of the fiscal year shall be ear marked and held for meeting the expenses of the district delegate to the Assembly.

(f) That Conference will furnish stationery to the district officers when it is needed.

7. We recommend that in each District the President, the Secretary of Organization and the Treasurer be a committee to audit the District Treasurer's Books and submit the report not later than February 1st to the Conference Treasurer.

8. In view of the fact that local societies contributing to the support of Business Girl's Inn of Shreveport receive no credit on their pledge to missions—we recommend that the Treasurers of the local societies send to the District Treasurers the amount pledged.

9. We recommend that we allocate \$200 from Conference Cultivation funds in 1946 for the publication of the Conference News.

10. We recommend that we designate from the amount over paid on the pledge to the Division payment of the salary of Miss Eleanor Ashby, missionary in Africa, for the remainder of the year and that her salary in 1946 be designated from the increase in the pledge to the Division for 1946.

11. We recommend that the pledge to the Division be raised \$2,000 or a total of \$37,500 for 1946, and that the pledge to Conference be that amount pledged to the Division plus 35 cents per capita.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Chairman

Mrs. Ed Conger, Secretary.

In connection with (e) under No. 6 of the Recommendations, it was

voted that the Conference should assist in paying the District Delegate's expenses to the Assembly in 1946, if the Districts do not have sufficient funds or this purpose.

Mrs. Campbell asked approval to invite Miss Ruth Bieri to visit Louisiana since she is to be in this Jurisdiction the first quarter of 1946. Mrs. Campbell was granted permission to do so.

Mrs. Ledbetter read and discussed the proposed changes in the by-laws. These changes will be presented at the Annual Conference.

Mrs. Davidson asked that material for the Conference News be sent her by November 10.

A letter from Mrs. C. I. Jones was read telling of her regret over missing the Executive Meeting. She also sent a note of thanks for the beautiful expression of sympathy sent her upon the occasion of her father's death.

Mrs. Jones sent a report on supplies. She asked that Church Christmas packages be sent up until November 15. She asked that the new work for the Negroes at the People's M. E. Community Center be remembered in supply gifts. Gifts for a kindergarten will be acceptable. She further urged the local societies to review the Recommendations and goals listed on page 52 of the Conference Minutes.

Mrs. Pollard announced that 1946 would be an election year at Conference. The following officers will be elected: President, Treasurer, Secretary of Student Work, Secretary of Youth Work, Secretary of Children's Work, Secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mrs. Pollard requested that any of the officers present who would not stand for re-election would please let it be known. It was with deep regret that the Executive Committee learned Mrs. Ed Conger and Mrs. J. B. Pollard would not stand for re-election for their respective offices.

As Chairman of the Research Committee, Mrs. Metcalf earnestly requested the group to submit names to her for filling these two vacancies.

Due to the lateness of the hour, the Executive Committee approved the Minutes without reading them.

The Secretary was instructed to write Mrs. C. C. Hightower and Mrs. W. S. Row, for District Secretaries of Organization and Promotion.

In closing, Mrs. Pollard again expressed to Mrs. D. C. Harper, President of local society, sincere appreciation for the delightful hospitality extended the Executive Committee.

The findings of the Retreat were read by Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy and were adopted as follows:

Findings From Retreat

Since we have been so privileged by being given a place of service in God's Kingdom and since we have been so blessed and stirred by the presence of God in our retreat, be it resolved:

1. That every member of this Executive Committee subscribe to "The New Life", publications of the year of evangelism and promote its use through the Church.

2. That each woman take upon herself as her part of the year of evangelism of the Crusade, the winning of at least one person for Christ.

3. That we strengthen our place as leaders by practicing the courage of Christ in maintaining Christian homes, practicing total abstinence and taking our stand against the use of alcohol in any form by members of The Methodist Church, the uprooting of all causes of war, in actively working for the ending of prejudice between race and nation, in seeking for justice in every human relationship and enduring liberation of the oppressed; and for lasting freedom of all people.

4. Since we have experienced this stirring of our hearts in this

retreat let us resolve to share this experience as we go back to our fields of service.

"Set us afire, Lord
Stir us, we pray
While the world perishes
We go our way
Purposeless, passionless
Day after day
Set us afire, Lord
Stir us we pray."

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy

Mrs. Ed Conger.

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Ledbetter.
The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

MINUTES OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD DURING ANNUAL CONFERENCE

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

MARCH 19, 20, 21, 1946

The Executive Committee of the Louisiana Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service met at the First Methodist Church in Baton Rouge at 6:00 P. M., Monday, March 18th, for an opening dinner. Gathered about tables bright with azaleas the group enjoyed a delectable turkey dinner, the courtesy of the W. S. C. S. of the four Baton Rouge churches.

Immediately following the dinner hour the group gathered in the church parlor for the first Executive session.

Mrs. Pollard stated that she earnestly desired that the coming Conference be conducted in a deep spiritual manner and with that thought in mind she had asked Mrs. Clarence Shaffer to conduct the devotional.

Mrs. Shaffer used Grace Noll Crowell's "The Lord's Prayer" as the basis for her meditation, and said in conclusion that it was her desire to have this opening service a fire to warm hearts and to impart a spiritual glow for the remainder of the Conference. Following a period of silent prayer, the group participated in a series of directed prayers. Mrs. Ledbetter led a prayer for spiritual guidance during the Conference sessions; Mrs. Dameron prayed for the invited guests and the inspiration they would bring; Mrs. Campbell prayed for the workers, deaconesses and missionaries; Mrs. Pollard for the coming election of officers so that it could be felt that those elected were God's choice, with His work to do; Mrs. Metcalf led a prayer for the group as a whole asking that each officer have the right Christian attitude and realize that she is called upon to do her particular task for God's Kingdom; the devotional was closed with a prayer of thanks and praise for our president, Mrs. Pollard, asking that her mantle fall on the shoulders of the one who is to follow her.

The roll was called by Mrs. Laskey, and the absence of Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Mrs. Lonnie Clark, Mrs. A. J. Ensminger, Mrs. George Whitener, and Mrs. Hance Wilson was noted.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Jones, it was voted that the secretary send appropriate messages of regret to those members who were prevented from coming because of illness or sorrow.

Mrs. Pollard asked each of the officers to bring brief reports.

Mrs. Laskey asked that typewritten material for the Conference minutes be given to Mrs. Pomeroy, who is assisting her, so that minutes could be made available earlier this year.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, Secretary of Organization and Promotion, stated that Louisiana had not gained the 10 per cent increase in membership that had been requested but had gained 8.4 per cent.

Mrs. Campbell suggested having a state-wide district officers training day. She proposed having this training day in Alexandria with the corresponding state officers meeting with district officers.

This proposal was discussed by the group. They thought this training would be valuable for the district officers, since they are new, and all have not received instruction from their corresponding Conference officers.

Mrs. Dameron moved, and Mrs. Pomeroy seconded the motion that the district officers training day be held in Alexandria in May, with dates and plans to be worked out by the secretary of organization and promotion. Motion carried.

The group discussed the constitution and by-laws of the District in regard to funds and election of officers. It was decided to leave this matter to the constitution and by-laws committee. Mrs. Kilpatrick, treasurer, called attention to the recommendation that all money in the district cultivation fund at the end of the year be earmarked and held for meeting the expenses of district delegates to the Assembly. She stated that it would be necessary to supplement this found about \$40 to \$50 per district.

It was moved by Mrs. Campbell and seconded by Mrs. Dameron that the district cultivation fund be used as far as it goes to pay the expenses of a delegate to the Assembly; this fund to be supplemented by allocating the offering taken at district meetings to apply on delegates' expenses. Should the district collections exceed the amount needed for the delegates' expenses, the remainder is to be sent to the Conference treasurer. Motion carried.

The committee on constitution and by-laws recommended that this action be tried for only one year.

It was voted that if the collections at district meetings are insufficient to pay the delegates' expenses, Conference will subsidize the delegate to Assembly.

Mrs. Kilpatrick asked if it would be possible to include the district treasurers in the mid-year executive meeting, since their work is so important.

It was suggested that in 1947 Mrs. Kilpatrick call a finance committee meeting before Annual Conference.

Upon motion of Mrs. Davidson and a second by Mrs. Tidwell, it was voted that the district treasurers be made members of the Annual Conference, and be invited to sit in at the executive sessions at the Annual Conference.

Mrs. Kilpatrick presented a request from the City Mission Board of Shreveport asking that Mrs. Mary Freeman's salary be raised \$25, this action becoming effective in June, 1946.

It was moved by Mrs. Kilpatrick and seconded by Mrs. Dameron that the treasurer write the secretary of the Social Bureau recommending that Mrs. Freeman's salary be increased \$25. Motion carried.

Mrs. Kilpatrick called attention to the recommendation from the by-laws of the district that the books of the district treasurer be audited by the district president and secretary of organization and promotion. Mrs. Kilpatrick said, however, that the Revised Guide states that the treasurers' books shall be submitted to an auditor annually. She thus suggested that since the district president and secretary of organization did not usually feel competent to audit the books that some auditor in the district, financial secretary of a church, or

other accredited person audit the books.

Mrs. G. W. Dameron, secretary of missionary education and service, told of attending the Stewardship Conference quite recently in Chicago. Mrs. Pollard stated that Mrs. Dameron has the honor of being one of three persons chosen from the Jurisdiction to attend this Conference, and Mrs. Dameron will also be a member of the faculty at the school of missions at Mt. Sequoyah this summer. Mrs. Dameron continued by saying that the stewardship phase of the Crusade for Christ is to be launched in the fall of 1946. Dr. Jim Workman will be in Louisiana during late September, or early October, holding two day conferences in each district. It is further planned that every local church will have a course taught on stewardship. Mrs. Dameron asked if members of this group would volunteer to give their names to her in order to qualify for taking a credit course preparatory to teaching stewardship. A number of names were submitted, and they will be sent to Bro. Emmerich, who will in turn invite these persons to teach.

Mrs. Dameron spoke of the opportunity to send someone to Crossville, Tennessee, for a three weeks' training course on missionary education, in June. She stated that the Division or Jurisdiction had made a scholarship available, that would take care of expenses at the school, but suggested that the Louisiana Conference pay the travel expenses of the person selected.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dameron, and a second by Mrs. Jones, it was voted that the Conference pay the travel expenses connected with trip to Crossville, Tennessee.

Mrs. Dameron asked permission to try and find a qualified person to attend this training school. Several names of capable women were presented her by members of the executive committee.

The School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah was discussed. The dates are July 1-11, and subsidies will be given for the following officers: President and Secretary of Spiritual Life, by Jurisdiction; Secretary of Organization and Promotion, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, Secretary of Missionary Education, by Woman's Division.

Mrs. Pollard suggested that the selection of delegates and alternates be postponed until after the election of officers. She said reservations have been made for eight people.

Announcements were made concerning meetings the following morning.

The meeting was adjourned with prayer.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

Tuesday Morning Session—March 19, 1946

The meeting was called to order by the president, and Mrs. D. M. Campbell gave the morning devotional from the "Upper Room", and led in prayer.

Mrs. Pollard read a letter from Mrs. George Sexton conveying her greetings and love, and explaining her absence. She stated that she hoped to be present for a few hours on Wednesday.

Discussion was resumed on Mt. Sequoyah and upon motion of Mrs. Dameron, and a second by Mrs. Manning, it was voted that the conference car be taken to Mt. Sequoyah, and another car taken if possible, thereby making the School of Missions available for ten people.

Mrs. Campbell read a letter from the Woman's Division about changing the fiscal year—making it from June 1-May 21 to conform with the Division's year. We have an organization year from January 1-December 31, and a program year from September-August. The Division wished to know if the Conference would like the "years"

to be coordinated or to remain separate. After discussion Mrs. Campbell was instructed to write the Division that the Louisiana Executive Committee prefers the fiscal year as it now is—the same as the calendar year.

Mrs. Campbell read a letter proposing to change the title of Secretary of Organization and Promotion in the Conference and District, and the title of Corresponding Secretary in the local society, to the new title of "Promotional Secretary."

The change was discussed and the executive committee approved the change of title for the Conference and District secretaries of organization and promotion, but voted 12-6 to leave the title of corresponding secretary unchanged in the local society.

Mrs. Campbell continued her report, stating that the Jurisdiction had recommended that each Conference itinerate a missionary in 1946. It was suggested that a missionary be requested as soon as one is available. Upon motion of Mrs. Jones, and a second by Mrs. Laskey, it was voted that a missionary be invited to itinerate the state when she could be used in youth camps and also in the churches.

Mrs. Ledbetter suggested that Miss Amber Van would be splendid to use in youth camps.

In order to assist newly organized societies to become acquainted with the work of the Woman's Society, Mrs. Campbell moved, and Mrs. Jones seconded the motion that the Conference Society purchase "work-kits" at \$1.35 each from Literature Headquarters, and present them to each newly organized society. These kits to be kept on hand by the district secretaries of organization and presented to the new societies. Motion carried.

Upon motion of Mrs. Deas and a second by Mrs. Dunbar, it was voted that the district secretary of organization and promotion send the district president a copy of her quarterly report, omitting the detailed financial report, but making a statistical report.

It was recommended that camps and district secretaries of promotion work out plans to itinerate Miss Bieri for the state during 1947.

Mrs. Jones gave an excellent report on supplies, saying she continued to promote increased giving as supplies are greatly needed. She listed the new home and foreign supply projects. She gave a resume of the Jurisdiction report, saying that according to membership, Louisiana led in supply giving \$1.49 per capita. Nebraska and Louisiana almost tied for the lead in giving to home supply work. Jurisdiction giving showed an increase in both home and foreign supplies.

Mrs. Fairchild asked whose duty it is to promote special memberships. She read from the "Guide" that "special memberships are the responsibility of the finance committee; one member should be designated to have promotion and knowledge of these memberships as her special function". It was suggested that the vice-president be placed on the finance committee in the local society in order to continue to promote special memberships.

Mrs. Shaffer reported on Spiritual Life. She recommended the continued support of the Evangelistic Crusade, and gave the prayer specials from the Jurisdiction. (See prayer specials—Minutes)

Mrs. Aycock gave an account of student work, saying there has been an upswing in all phases of the work since the ending of the war. Many hundreds of students are returning to college, among them many "G. I.s". Work is more normal than it has been in years. She stated that the recent student conference held on the campus of Louisiana Tech has been most successful, and well attended. It is regretted that two vacancies will occur in June or July in student work. Miss Janice Beck and Miss Fay Barr are both returning to school to get their Master's degree.

Student work was discussed, and the advisability of changing the

type of work was talked about.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Pomeroy, and a second by Mrs. Davidson, it was voted to leave the final decision about continuing student work with the Administrative committee; that this work should be discussed with Miss Day, requesting mature persons for student work, and if older persons are unavailable then the committee would consider the advisability of changing to other types of work (Rural work recommended). Mrs. Pollard stated that Miss Eva Crenshaw, the rural worker, is asking to be released, and will have to be replaced by another rural worker.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy and a second by Mrs. Manning, it was voted that Mrs. Tatum be written requesting that Arline Tyler be asked to return to Louisiana to engage in rural work.

Mrs. Pollard stated that Julia Reid is now on furlough, and Mrs. Pollard wished to know if the Executive Committee would like to write Miss Barnwell asking for Miss Reid to be used in Louisiana. Mrs. Pollard also discussed work at St. Marks and MacDonnell School.

Upon motion of Mrs. Pomeroy, and a second by Mrs. Laskey, it was voted first, that the Executive Committee ask the Home Department to make an impartial investigation of the work at St. Marks', restudying the work from the viewpoint of women of the church, also restudying St. Marks' place in the Home Department program; second to make a strong plea that Julia Reid be placed at St. Mark's at her next appointment.

Mrs. Pomeroy gave a stimulating report on Christian Social Relations. She spoke of the valuable information contained in the "Information and Action Bulletin", sent out by the Department of Christian Social Relations.

Mrs. Pomeroy gave an account of the meeting of the standing committee on Christian Social Relations that met just preceding Conference. This committee recommends that someone be sent to the National Seminar on C. S. R. to be held at DePaw University, July 3-17. A subsidy is available to help on the expense.

She requested that the Executive Committee go on record as being in favor of the Martin-Holy resolution for the international abolition of peace time military conscription, and write Representative Martin. It was further recommended that we consult the "Methodist Woman" for March, 1946, and write presidents of national broadcasting companies, whose names and addresses are listed on the Guild page, on protest in having liquor advertisements on the radio. In conclusion she recommended that we promote a program of alcohol education in high schools, asking the cooperation of the P. T. A., by sponsoring a statewide essay contest on "What Alcohol Does To My Body", with bonds as prizes. Also to show films on the subject.

Mrs. Pomeroy emphasized the fact that the Legislative program will receive our major interest this year.

Mrs. Ledbetter read the proposed changes in the by-laws and constitution discussing each change. See Minutes under Constitution and By-Laws). She reminded the Research Committee that two new secretaries are to be elected at this Conference, i. e., Secretary of Status of Women and Secretary of Missionary Personnel.

In order to aid promotion of work, it was voted that district secretaries of organization and promotion send lists of local society officers immediately to the corresponding Conference officers.

The following committee appointments were made, and at Mrs. Aycock's suggestion the counting and distributing tellers were increased so that they could alternate in their duties and all would not be absent from the meeting at the same time.

Distributing Tellers—Chairman, Mrs. R. F. Stevenson, Noel; Mrs. W. I. Fish, Rayne; Mrs. M. D. Butler, Bunkie; Mrs. Ray Maxwell, Parker; Mrs. Tom Hayes, 1st Church, New Orleans.

Chairman, Mrs. E. W. Forshag, Amite; Mrs. Wm. McLelland, East Point; Mrs. R. E. Richardson, Bogalusa; Miss Lucy Gebert, New Iberia; Mrs. Dennis Cook, Leesville.

Counting Tellers—Chairman, Mrs. George Powell, 1st Church, Alexandria; Mrs. F. L. Rhodes, Noel; Mrs. A. M. Hopper, Natchitoches; Mrs. Walter Pritchard, University Church, Baton Rouge; Mrs. Kenneth Black, Hammond;

Chairman, Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Minden; Mrs. J. B. Entrikin, 1st Church, Shreveport; Mrs. Curtis Taylor, Arcadia; Mrs. W. A. Cotton, Memorial Church, Monroe; Mrs. John D. Saint, Rayne; Mrs. Charles Ault, Cedar Grove.

Resolutions—Chairman, Mrs. Guy Hicks, Lake Charles; Mrs. J. B. Garrett, St. Francisville; Mrs. Rodney Cline, Monroe; Mrs. Paul Davis, Ruston.

Committee on Journal—Chairman, Mrs. John Michaud, Hodge; Mrs. Hal Lewis, 1st Church, Shreveport; Mrs. S. L. Calhoun, 1st Church, Alexandria.

The meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

Luncheon

Immediately following the adjournment of the meeting a beautifully appointed luncheon was served the executive committee, the gracious courtesy of the W. S. C. S. of the four Baton Rouge churches. Lovely spring flowers, with brightly hued azaleas predominating decorated the tables. Places were marked with replicas of the State Capitol, while favors were small leather notebooks bearing the pictures of the buildings at L. S. U. on the cover. These were graciously presented by the University Church W. S. C. S. A delightful social hour was enjoyed by the group before the formal opening of the Conference sessions.

Executive Committee—Wednesday Night, March 20, 1946

Following the evening service the Executive Committee met in the parlor of the Church for a late session.

Mrs. Pollard graciously welcomed the newly elected officers who were present, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, recording secretary and Mrs. W. E. Trice, secretary of student work.

Mrs. Dameron read Miss Grace Lawson's report of Wesleyan Service Guild. It was recommended that the district treasurers send financial reports to the district Guild secretaries.

Mrs. Ledbetter continued the reading of proposed changes in constitution and by-laws, to be voted upon at the final session of the Conference.

The discussion concerning persons attending Mt. Sequoyah was resumed, and alternates were elected for the five officers who receive subsidies: Mrs. Fairchild, alternate for Mrs. Laskey, president; Mrs. W. A. Gray (Ruston District), for Mrs. Shaffer, Spiritual Life; Mrs. Don Collette for Mrs. Dameron, Missionary Education; Mrs. Ed Conger, Mrs. Miles McPeck or Mrs. R. H. Nelson for Mrs. Pomeroy, Christian Social Relations; one of five new District Secretaries for Mrs. Campbell, Secretary of Organization and Promotion, or Mrs. Trice, if District Secretaries unable to go.

It was voted that if a second car is available that Mrs. Campbell contact the five new district secretaries of organization and promotion and make plans for them to attend the School of Missions. Five alternates elected for the five district secretaries are: Mrs. E. N. Jackson, Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Mrs. David Tarver, Mrs. L. B. Kilpat-

rick, and Mrs. Charles Goldthwait.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard was elected to represent the Louisiana Conference at the Rural Seminar to be held in Tulsa, Oklahoma, in late April. Her alternates in the order named are: Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr.

Upon motion of Mrs. Campbell and a second by Mrs. Kilpatrick it was voted to simplify the district treasurers' report blanks.

Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Kilpatrick, and Mrs. Kennon were asked to serve on a committee to work out a simplified plan for district treasurers.

Standing committee appointments were made as follows:

Finance Committee—Mrs. L. B. Kolpatrick, Mrs. D. M. Campbell, and seven District Treasurers.

Research Committee—Mrs. D. C. Metcalf and the seven District Secretaries of Organization and Promotion.

Visiting Institutions—Mrs. C. I. Jones, Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, and Mrs. D. M. Campbell.

Christian Social Relations and L. C. A.—Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Miss Susie Batton and District Secretaries.

Constitution and By-Laws—Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, and Mrs. J. B. Pollard.

Missionary Personnel — Mrs. David Tarver, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Miss Grace Lawson, Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Mrs. W. E. Trice and Mrs. Glenn Laskey.

Status of Women—Mrs. Ira Campbell, Mrs. G. W. Dameron, and seven District Secretaries of Status of Women.

Mrs. Stewart Deas extended an invitation from the Haynesville Woman's Society of Christian Service to entertain the Executive Committee for its mid-year meeting in October. The gracious invitation was accepted with thanks.

Mrs. Clarence Shaffer presented from the Executive Committee a new translation of the Bible to Mrs. J. B. Pollard, beloved retiring president, in loving appreciation for her devoted and unselfish service, and as an expression of love from those who have shared an intimate association with her for a number of years.

Mrs. Pollard graciously expressed her thanks for the gift, and the thought that prompted it.

This completed the business of the Executive Committee and the meeting adjourned.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS OF APPRECIATION

Saying "thank you" at the close of the 1946 session of the Louisiana Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service is a joy and a privilege. We feel like making these words into a litany of praise and appreciation.

For the entire program with its theme, "Courage of Christ"; its sessions of business and inspiration; its "Crusade for Christ" and "special membership" dinners; its presentation of special causes through such very special people as our deaconesses and other Christian workers:

We thank you, Conference officers and your committees.

For your presence and your inspiring messages which we cannot forget:

We thank you, Bishop Martin, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Sharp, Mrs. Ledbetter, Dr. Pope and Dr. Mickle.

For your gracious hospitality here in Baton Rouge; for the generous use of your church, your homes and hotels, your press, your city:

We thank you, our friends and hosts, district superintendent and ministers, ministers' wives, President and faithful committees of your W. S. C. S., your district secretary and other officers, office secretaries, keepers of the book room, pages and all others who served us so well,

For the preparation and serving of the lovely meals, entirely without remuneration, and for the spirit of genuine sisterhood which prompted your generous service:

We thank you, friends of the First Baptist Church.

For the wonderful ministry of music, the organ and piano, the great hymns, the solos, duet and anthems, and the sacred communion music:

We thank you, organist, choirs, song leaders and soloists.

And finally, because you have set us afire for God's Kingdom through your years of service:

We want to thank you, dear retiring officers, even as we welcome and thank our new leaders for stepping in to serve where you have been.

We are truly grateful to our Father God; and as we conclude these resolutions, we say in the words of one of our children's hymns:

"Thank you, God, for everything!"

Committee on Resolutions,

Mrs. Guy Hicks

Mrs. W. R. Cline

Mrs. Paul Davis

Mrs. J. B. Garrett.

MINUTES OF CONFERENCE SESSIONS

OF THE

SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE

WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

MARCH 19, 20, 21, 1946

The sixth annual meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service convened in the First Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, at 2:00 o'clock, Tuesday, March 19, 1946. Mrs. J. B. Pollard declared the sixth annual session of the Louisiana Conference open, and the hymn, "Courage of Christ" led by Mrs. David Tarver, was sung.

Mrs. Tarver explained that it was from this hymn that the theme of the Conference was taken. Since it was not entirely familiar she sang the first verse, the executive committee sang the second verse, and the Conference body sang the third.

Mrs. C. I. Jones, Secretary of Supplies, read the scripture from the 27 chapter of Psalms, and led in prayer.

Mrs. John F. Ward, president of the Baton Rouge society, greeted the delegates and visitors giving them a warm welcome, after which Mrs. Clarence Shaffer charmingly responded in behalf of the Conference.

Mrs. Pollard requested that the delegates be seated according to districts, following which she presented Mrs. G. W. Dameron who had been responsible for the splendid Conference program. Mrs. Dameron presented the highlights of the program for the coming sessions. She said that the Conference program really begins when Conference is over, and the delegates return home and it is incorporated into living.

Mrs. Laskey read the committee appointments of distributing and counting tellers, committee on journal, and resolutions committee.

Mrs. Pollard introduced three conference officers who gave accounts of their work.

Mrs. Fairchild, vice-president, emphasized the fact that the vice-president is no longer a "stand-in" for the president. In this day of opportunity and service she has specific duties to perform; she is responsible for the promotion of the Federation of Methodist Women,, for promotion of special memberships, and acts as chairman of the program committee in the local society. During 1945, she continued, 480 special memberships were given amounting to \$8,680.00. She urged the wide use of the "Prayer Card."

Mrs. Laskey, recording secretary, read the recommendations and highlights of the mid-year meeting held in West Monroe, also the recommendations from the executive meeting preceding Conference.

Mrs. Kilpatrick had the pages distribute copies of the treasurer's report, and called attention to several outstanding items. She asked the Conference body to note that the pledge was overpaid \$15,000. Supplies totaled \$6,733, tying Nebraska for home supplies, but leading the Jurisdiction in membership giving of supplies. Louisiana also led the Jurisdiction in per capita giving of \$6.14. Totals paid the Woman's Division were \$64,184, while total disbursements were \$67,851. She challenged the women of Louisiana to attempt big things, and to ask God's help in accomplishing them. She said that financial goals only become real when they are translated into living experiences.

Mrs. Pollard made announcements concerning the planning committees. She stated that the Wesleyan Service Guild committee would meet with either the committee on Missionary Education or Christian Social Relations, since Miss Grace Lawson was absent.

Due to Mrs. Sartor's unavoidable absence, Mrs. Lowry will substitute for her in the planning committee on youth work.

Mrs. Fairchild stated that printed signs would direct the groups to the planning committee meetings that would follow afternoon sessions.

The Doxology was sung and Rev. Virgil Morris pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

Crusade Dinner

Approximately two hundred fifty guests attended the "Crusade Dinner" on Tuesday evening, seating themselves in small congenial groups about the flower decked tables.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. presided with charm and grace during the evening. Dr. L. N. Stuckey gave the invocation, and following the meal, served by the Baptist W. M. U., Mrs. Davidson graciously presented the honor guests; the pastor host and hostess, Dr. and Mrs. L. N. Stuckey, Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Morris, Mrs. Arthur J. Moore, Atlanta, Georgia. and Dr. Kenneth Pope, Austin, Texas. Mrs. Davidson's original sparkling verse, cleverly introducing each of the Conference officers, was received with much applause.

Mrs. David Tarver led the group in singing, "Follow the Gleam", and "Fairest Lord Jesus."

Mrs. Davidson presented the guest speaker for the occasion, Mrs. Arthur J. Moore, who spoke on "Stewardship and Evangelism". Mrs. Moore's vivacious sparkling personality immediately captivated her audience. Her address was interspersed with humor, common sense and characterized by a deep spiritual quality.

Mrs. Moore emphasized the value of the stewardship of money, and gave four reasons for becoming tithing stewards:

1. It is God's law.
2. It is an efficient way of managing.
3. It is a way to prosper.
4. It is the road of love.

She made a plea for a transforming experience in our lives. "Youth," she said, "needs a real conversion experience, either cataclysmic or natural. Youth is often bored with religion through familiarity, because they are lacking in a vital transforming force in their lives. We need spirit-filled lives, to transform our own lives, and those with whom we come in contact." She ended with a poem by Emily Dickinson.

As a fitting climax for this inspiring address Mrs. David Tarver sang in a beautiful manner "Set Us Afire, Lord."

The closing prayer was given by Mrs. Clarence Shaffer.

TUESDAY EVENING—MARCH 19, 1946

The evening service opened with the congregation singing the great hymn, "A Mighty Fortress is Our God."

Miss Patricia McHugh, returned missionary, read the scripture, selecting passages from St. Mark, and led in prayer.

A beautiful anthem, "Send Out the Light" (Gounod) was sung by the University choir.

Mrs. Fairchild, conference vice-president, graciously presented Mrs. J. B. Pollard who gave the "President's Message." It was a thrilling, challenging message, inspiring the women to more earnest endeavor and more consecration to a glorious task.

Mrs. Pollard spoke of the amazing opportunities open to the church in Japan, in China, Korea, Africa, India and Europe. Everywhere people are pleading for missionaries, but there is an acute shortage of trained workers. Money is available, but workers are not. Miss Sallie Lou McKinnon said at the Jurisdiction meeting in St. Louis, "I have been in missionary work for 32 years and never have I known the need for missionaries to be as acute as it is today." Women must redouble their efforts in this behalf. She continued, "Many crises confront us now, that will test America's greatness. We are aware of the labor issue, the tense race situation and the liquor evil." She urged the church women to exert their influence in these grave issues.

She left as her parting message these thoughts, "We as members of this woman's organization are engaged in the biggest business in the world. We are interested in the total life of humanity, and so must give it our first loyalty. To do Christ's work we must appropriate more of His life, for the infinite resources of God are ours for the asking. It is a blessed privilege to be a Methodist woman."

Miss Hazel Bratton sang as a solo, "How Lovely are Thy Dwelings", (Liddle) after which Mrs. Pollard presented Dr. Kenneth Pope, who brought a thrilling message on "America's New Missionary Opportunity in Europe."

Dr. Pope was invited to make a tour of Methodist work in Europe, at Bishop Garber's invitation, and after securing permission from our government, spent many weeks there shortly after the close of hostilities. He spoke of the desperate need of the people, the lack of food, shelter and transportation facilities. He paid tribute to the U. N. R. R. A., saying it had succeeded magnificently despite the fact that it had been asked to do an impossible job in an impossibly short time. "The Christian church," he said, "faces an opportunity never before presented them. Although the church is relatively small in Europe it has wielded a spiritual influence far beyond its numerical numbers. France, Holland and Russia are hungry for Protestantism. The loyalty of Christians in distress and under punishment was mag-

nificent; it almost equaled the loyalty of the early Christian church under persecution. The church in America is facing the most crucial days ahead, and we will have the chance of a life-time to help Europe. Dr. Pope made a plea for kindness, patience, understanding and loyalty on our part. The future of Europe depends on Ameica. Will we miss this missionary opportunity?"

The hymn, "The Morning Light is Breaking" was sung at the conclusion of Dr. Pope's stirring message.

Dr. L. N. Stuckey pronounced the benediction.

WEDNESDAY MORNING—MARCH 20, 1946

The church was open for prayer from 8:30 to 9:00 o'clock, with Mrs. B. E. Eskridge playing an organ meditation.

The hymn, "When Morning Gilds the Skies", formally opened the morning session. Mrs. Clarence Shaffer replaced Mrs. E. A. Sartor, and gave the scripture and led in prayer.

Mrs. Pollard graciously presented our beloved Jurisdiction president, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., who came to the Conference for a few hours. Mrs. Sexton spoke of her joy in being present for a short time. She told of her vital interest in Louisiana saying that since 1932 the work has forged ahead in a splendid way. During these years Louisiana was almost a Missionary Conference, for it was receiving more than it was giving. Now it is one of the strongest Conferences in the Jurisdiction, ranking fourth in giving. It has shown remarkable gains along all lines, but particularly in youth and student work, and a deepening of spiritual life.

Mrs. Pollard announced a change in the program saying that Dr. Mickle's address had been changed to the morning.

Mrs. Pollard explained the coming elections, saying that only half of the officers are to be elected so that the conference will not have all new officers at the same time. Those to be elected are: president, vice-president, treasurer, secretaries of student, youth and children's work, secretary of Wesleyan Service Guild, status of women and missionary Personnel.

The voting strength of the conference was taken with 147 voters counted.

Mrs. Laskey again read the names of the distributing and counting tellers.

Mrs. D. C. Metcalf, chairman of the research committee, submitted the following names for the office of president: Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, Shreveport; Mrs. D. M. Campbell, New Iberia; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Ruston, and gave the qualifications of each.

The ballots were distributed, votes cast and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Mrs. D. M. Campbell, conference secretary of organization and promotion, and the seven district secretaries presented a resume of the work of the organization seen through the eyes of the district. First, Mrs. Campbell presented the seven new district presidents, following which each of the district secretaries gave the high points of her district.

Alexandria—Miss Mollye Stewart reporting, "The district organization has been of great benefit. We have 30 organized charges, and making plans for future gains."

Baton Rouge—Mrs. Tisdale reported for Mrs. Riddle—"Special memberships have been our biggest achievement during the past year. We also have made a marked advance in number of subscriptions to the "World Outlook and Methodist Woman."

Lake Charles—Mrs. Gibson, district president, gave Mrs. Lonnie Clark's report saying, "Our large district is shaped like a boot, and despite its size much excellent work has been done. There are only

three unorganized charges. Fine work has been done by Miss Crenshaw in rural areas, and by Miss Janice Beck at S. L. I. I.

Monroe—Mrs. Metcalf reported for Mrs. Ensminger. "Our district has been re-zoned since the war, changing from ten small districts to five larger ones. Every charge is organized and advancement and gains are evident along all lines."

New Orleans—Mrs. Dunbar stated, "We are showing improvement along many lines, but particularly in the increase in subscriptions to our publications, and added number of secretaries in youth, children's work and spiritual life work."

Ruston—Mrs. Deas reported, "We have shown a net gain in membership, also an increase in finances, children's work, Christian social relations and number of study classes. We have a stimulating news sheet in zone 3, and all but one charge is organized."

Shreveport—Mrs. Tidwell said, "We have made much progress during the last year, shown by an increase of subscriptions to our magazines. Gains in study courses, youth groups and special memberships and by overpaying our pledge."

Mrs. Campbell gave an interesting summary of district accomplishments, paying tribute to the consecrated leadership, and giving credit for the growth and the increase in spiritual life groups. Advances in the work could be noted in her statistical report:

Spiritual life groups: 1944, 147; 1945, 177.

Increase in pledge—1944, \$45,787.00; 1945, \$53,911.00.

Membership—W. S. C. S. 247 societies and 8589 members. W. S. G. 52 societies and 977 members.

Net gain members—W. S. C. S. 669 and W. S. G. 188.

Percentage gain membership—8.4.

District leading in membership gains—Ruston 39% and Lake Charles 38%.

Societies observing week of prayer—154 (93 did not observe it.)

Mrs. Charles Goldthwait read the recommendations from the committee on organization and promotion and after discussion were adopted.

Mrs. George Powell, chairman of the counting tellers, announced that Mrs. Glenn Laskey had received a majority of the votes cast and had been elected president of the Louisiana Conference.

Mrs. Pollard asked Mrs. Laskey to step to the platform, and the newly elected president spoke a few words of appreciation over her election, and pledged her wholehearted support to the organization which had honored her.

The research committee presented the names of Mrs. C. B. Atkinson, Mrs. Glen Anderson and Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick for the office of treasurer. Ballots were distributed, votes cast, and the tellers retired to make the count.

Dr. and Mrs. Joe Mickle came to the platform, and were presented by Mrs. J. B. Pollard. Dr. Mickle, president of Centenary, spoke most forcibly on "What Future for Christian Work in Japan?"

Dr. Mickle's long residence in Japan and his knowledge of the people and situations was evident from the comprehensive picture he gave of Japan. He gave reasons for their present-day behavior, by tracing their historical background, showing how their manner of living and their ethics had affected their social and economic structure, habits and thought patterns. He explained that a great revolution is taking place in Japan today, with the establishment of a new constitution, with power centered in the Cabinet; granting of suffrage for women; the Emperor's repudiation of his divinity, and the abandonment of state Shintoism. This leaves the country open for the Christian church. In closing Dr. Mickle made a strong plea for Christianity. He said, "There are many hopeful signs in the country indicating an about face among the people, and the need for missionaries

is urgent." He stressed the fact that missionaries with a broad outlook, and a knowledge of history and economics will be needed. He suggested the exchange of students as a better way of understanding among nations.

The tellers reported that Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick had received the majority of votes cast and had been re-elected treasurer.

The research committee then presented the names of Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, Mrs. E. N. Jackson, and Mrs. P. D. Lambert for the office of recording secretary. Ballots were distributed, votes cast, and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Mrs. Pollard explained that according to the new by-law the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild is elected by the Guild representatives from the districts. This action was taken at a Guild meeting held in Alexandria in February and Miss Grace Lawson was elected. It is necessary, however, that her election be ratified by the Conference.

The Conference body then voted unanimously to ratify Miss Grace Lawson's election as Conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild.

In an extremely novel and original manner Mrs. J. J. Davidson gave her report on Literature and Publications. Each year she ably portrays her work in some ingenious manner that imprints itself indelibly on her audience's memory. This time she adroitly compared the Department of Literature and Publications to the atomic bomb, in that it is a tremendous reservoir of power. Using terms of nuclear physics she displayed attractively arranged posters (which she called her Literaturanium) which showed every department of work with all the literature available. By the close integration of the department of Literature and Publication with every phase of work of the woman's society it becomes a powerful atomic force, with a constructive value, instead of a destructive one.

The recommendations on Literature and Publicity were read, and after discussion were adopted.

Mrs. Glyn Nordyke, chairman of the courtesies committee, presented a large group of past officers, distinguished visitors, and visiting ministers and their wives. As they stood about the chancel they were introduced by Rev. Virgil Morris.

The hymn, "My Times are in Thy Hands" was sung as a prelude to the "Quiet Hour," conducted by Mrs. Arthur J. Moore. This hour was one of deep spiritual significance, made so by the winsome personality of the speaker whose earnestness and sincerity was apparent to her listeners.

She used as her subject the verse, "If any man would come after me let him take up his cross and follow me." She discussed her subject under two headings: (1) Sublimation of self, (2) Cross bearing. She quoted E. Stanley Jones as saying, "It is our greatest moment when we can look at ourselves without wincing or explaining." We have so many kinds of selves, and commit so many sins of the spirit.

We will have to overcome this selfish self if we are to follow Christ. We can do it by persistently and patiently denying selfish things within us, until victory is won. "In each one," Mrs. Moore said, "there is a cross or throne. We can humbly ask Christ to ascend the throne and crucify self, or by failing to do it, crucify Christ afresh." She spoke of crosses, describing four kinds. "A Christian chooses a cross," he said, "and one will be presented to you if you are a Christian. This type of cross will set your feet in the pathway leading to God, and every day will become a mountain top experience."

The benediction was pronounced by Rev. W. E. Trice.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON—MARCH 21, 1946

The afternoon service opened with a beautiful and worshipful memorial service, conducted by Mrs. Ed. Conger assisted by the seven district presidents, robed in white. Gracing the altar was a lovely central arrangement of white bridal wreath, iris and calla lilies, with tall white urns placed on either side holding similar flowers. Tall white candles in a graduated effect were placed among the flowers, making an impressive altarpiece. Preceding the service Mrs. David Tarver sang a beautiful solo, after which Mrs. Conger paid tribute to those friends who had passed away during the year. The district presidents lighted candles in memory of the departed members as the names of each were read from the memorial roll. Mrs. Conger closed the impressive service with prayer.

Upon resuming business, Mrs. John Michaud, chairman of the committee on Journal, reported that the minutes had been examined and had been found correct to date.

Mrs. Dameron gave a stimulating report on the Jurisdiction Conference. The theme, "Look on the fields, and send forth laborers," was woven as a scarlet thread throughout the Conference. Each worker, missionary, guest speaker, and officer emphasized the great need for missionary personnel. She told of the work in which Louisiana led the Jurisdiction, and some of the spots that need improvement. (See minutes for full report.)

Mrs. Pollard told of Mrs. Dameron's appointment as one of three from this Jurisdiction to attend the stewardship Conference in Chicago. She has also been chosen as a member of the faculty for the school of missions at Mt. Sequoyah.

Mrs. Kennon, chairman of the tellers, reported that Ms. E. N. Jackson had received the majority of the votes cast, and had been elected recording secretary.

Mrs. Metcalf, chairman of the research committee submitted the names of Mrs. W. A. Barnwell of Shreveport and Mrs. Herbert Branch of Monroe for the office of children's work. Ballots were distributed, votes cast and the tellers retired to count the votes.

Reports from "city work" were heard next.

Miss Lucy Jim Webb, now on the staff at St. Marks gave an excellent account of the work at that center. Children with abnormal homes, and abnormal attitudes in this slum area have very little opportunity for developing naturally. The community center is attempting to give them a more wholesome type of life, and help the parents to improve the environment and standards of living.

The chairman of tellers reported that Mrs. Barnwell had received a majority of the votes cast, and had been elected secretary of children's work.

Ballots were distributed to vote on the names submitted by the research committee for the office of youth work: Mrs. E. A. Sartor, Mrs. Lee Tidwell, and Mrs. Earl Turner. Mrs. Tidwell requested that her name be withdrawn. Request was granted.

Mrs. Pollard presented Mrs. G. W. Carter, who represents our new work at the People's Community Center in New Orleans. Mrs. Pollard said that Rev. and Mrs. Carter have been operating this work since 1920. Mrs. Carter is president of the Louisiana Conference of the Central Jurisdiction, and also a member of the Woman's Division.

Mrs. Carter gave a splendid report stating that the People's Community Center is located at 2009 Lagola Avenue, in a building that was formerly that of the Napoleon Avenue Methodist Church. It is quite inadequate for the needs. The Center maintains a day nursery, a parents club, and a day school for underprivileged children. She expressed sincere appreciation for the new worker added to the staff, Miss Marion Hall, made possible by the funds given by the Louisiana

Conference.

Chairman of the tellers reported that Mrs. E. A. Sartor had received a majority of the votes cast and had been re-elected secretary of youth work.

The research committee submitted the names of Mrs. John Dixon, and Mrs. W. E. Trice for the office of secretary of student work. Balloting was completed, and the tellers retired to make the count.

Mrs. Mary Freeman, deaconess, and head-resident of Business Girls Inn, Shreveport, gave an account of her many and varied activities there. She attempts to make a real home for business girls, and succeeds admirably. She told of plans for the new building for the Inn, since the work has outgrown its present location.

The tellers reported that Mrs. W. E. Trice had received a majority of the votes cast, and had been elected Secretary of Student Work.

The names of Mrs. Ira Campbell, Mrs. A. R. Holloway, and Mrs. E. E. Stewart were presented for the office of Status of Women. Ballots cast, and the tellers retired to make the count.

The Conference Officers' Panel, led by Mrs. Glenn Laskey, was an informal discussion of the work of the participating officers. Each was asked pertinent questions concerning their particular phase of work and their clear and concise answers imparted information and helped promote their work. Those taking part in this informative hour were:

Mrs. Clarence Shaffer, who presented Spiritual Life,

Mrs. Lowry, for Mrs. Sartor, who gave Youth Work,

Mrs. Ed. Conger—Children's Work,

Mrs. G. W. Dameron—Missionary Education and Service,

Miss Mary Margaret Watts, for Miss Grace Lawson—Weslyan Service Guild.

Mrs. C. I. Jones—Supplies.

Following the panel, each of the officers read their recommendations, and after discussion, were adopted separately.

The tellers brought the report of the balloting, reporting that Mrs. Ira Campbell had received a majority of the votes cast and has been elected Secretary of Status of Women.

The name of Mrs. David Tarver was presented for the office of Secretary of Missionary Personnel. As there were no nominations from the floor, Mrs. Conger moved, and seconded by Mrs. Stewart, that Mrs. Tarver be unanimously elected and that the secretary be instructed to cast the ballot. Motion carried, and the secretary did so.

This concluded the business of the afternoon and Rev. J. T. Harris pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

"MEMBERSHIP DINNER"

Wednesday Evening

One of the high points of the Conference was the delightful "Membership Dinner" graciously presided over by Mrs. S. J. Fairchild. A note of informality and delightful fellowship was evident from the invocation until the close of the dinner hour. Flowers, pleasant conversation, and music all contributed to the enjoyable occasion.

Mrs. David Tarver sang a beautiful solo, after which the group joined in singing several songs, led by Mrs. Tarver.

Mrs. Kilpatrick took her listeners on a journey across the world, letting them look in schoolrooms, homes, hospitals, playgrounds, nurseries, and battle scarred areas, showing by graphic word-pictures "where our money goes," for Special Memberships.

Mrs. Fairchild presented corsages to Mrs. Lee Tidwell of the Shreveport District, for leading in the largest amount of money given for Special Memberships, and to Mrs. C. D. Tisdale, vice-president of the Baton Rouge District for the greatest number of Special Memberships.

When Mrs. Fairchild called for the presentation of Special Memberships from the floor, there was an overwhelming response from the large gathering as societies, zones, districts, loving friends, relatives, and doting grandmothers presented Special Memberships. (The following day these totals were announced: Babies 23, Juniors 2, Youth 2, Adult 26, Memorial 5, Honorary Life 2, Honorary Patron 1, Totaling \$1,550.00.)

The climax of the evening was when Mrs. Fairchild called Mrs. Pollard to the platform. Mrs. Tarver sang a charming little song in her honor, then Mrs. Dameron paid tribute to the "fragrance" of her life, given in unselfish devotion to the work and presented her with love and appreciation from the women of Louisiana, an Honorary Patron Membership. Mrs. Pollard responded graciously to this tribute.

Mrs. Laskey spoke of the valuable contribution Mrs. Conger had made to childhood, the joy, happiness, and understanding she had given children, and in behalf of her unselfish service, presented her, as a loving tribute from the women of Louisiana, an Honorary Life Membership. Mrs. Conger graciously expressed her thanks.

Mrs. Tidwell presented Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, for her unflinching enthusiasm, her admirable leadership, and her loyal devotion, an Honorary Life Membership from the women of Louisiana. Mrs. Ledbetter expressed her sincere appreciation for this gift.

To Mrs. L. C. Aycock, retiring Secretary of Student Work, for her zeal and splendid work; to Mrs. David Tarver, former Conference officer, and newly elected officer; to Miss Patricia McHugh, returned missionary; to Miss Eva Crenshaw, rural deaconess, the women of Louisiana gave for their consecration, devotion, and service, each a Special Membership.

To each of the recipients of these special honors, corsages were presented as their Memberships were given.

WEDNESDAY EVENING—MARCH 20, 1946

The evening's meeting began with the congregation singing, "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing."

Dr. L. N. Stuckey, pastor-host, gave the scripture reading, and followed it with prayer.

A beautiful anthem, "Open Our Eyes," was sung by the First Methodist Church choir.

Mrs. Pollard graciously presented the newly elected president, Mrs. Glenn Laskey, to the congregation, after which she introduced the speaker of the evening, Bishop Paul E. Martin.

Bishop Martin gave a masterly address on "The Field is the World." Bishop Martin has a wide knowledge of world conditions and world affairs and spoke with authority on his subject. "We face a desperate world today, and it is vital that we have Christianity. Only this one power can create a world community, can help us live with science, can change the nature of man so that there will be peace," he told his listeners. He continued, "We must not fail the U. N. O. We must change our whole way of thinking until all mankind becomes one brotherhood. This can come only from mutual trust, through the recognition of the World's peoples that they not only can, but must get along without war. We can take the standards of a Risen Christ," he concluded, "and stand for peace."

It seemed fitting and appropriate that the Holy Communion should be served at the conclusion of an inspiring address such as this.

Rev. Virgil Morris was in charge of the communion, assisted by Bishop Martin and several ministers.

At its conclusion Rev. Morris pronounced the benediction.

THURSDAY MORNING—MARCH 21, 1946

The beautiful hymn, "Still, Still with Thee," opened the final session of the Conference.

Mrs. Charles Goldthwait, president of the New Orleans District, gave the scripture reading from Ephesians, and led in prayer. An impressive pledge service, conducted by the treasurer, Mrs. Kilpatrick, and the seven district secretaries, was the opening feature on the morning's program. The lighted World, with a cross for the background, made an appropriate setting for the service. Mrs. Kilpatrick opened vistas and presented opportunities for serving with our gifts. The district secretaries pledged for their district as follows:

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| Alexandria | \$4,171.00 |
| Baton Rouge | 4,720.00 |
| Lake Charles | 4,379.00 |
| Monroe | 5,210.00 |
| New Orleans | 6,185.00 |
| Ruston | 5,520.00 |
| Shreveport | 10,664.00 |

A total of \$40,849.00 was pledged to the end that all people might have peace through His Cross. A prayer closed this service.

Mrs. Pollard explained about the election of delegates to the Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. She stated that those who will attend are: the Conference President, the Secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, one Conference officer, and one delegate from each District.

The voting strength of the Conference was taken, preceding the election of a delegate.

Mrs. John Michaud reported that the committee on Conference Minutes had examined them, and found them correct.

Mrs. J. J. Davidson took orders for the Assembly Bulletin. She asked that 25c be placed in a paper, along with name and address, and dropped in the collection plates as they were passed for the next ballot.

The tellers distributed ballots for the vote to be taken for the delegate to Assembly, and retired to make the count.

Mrs. L. C. Aycock, secretary of student work, and the three state student workers, came to the platform. Mrs. Aycock expressed appreciation for the cooperation shown her, and spoke with regret of having to give up her office. She told of plans that have been put into action, aims and purposes of the work, and stressed its vital importance, since it is concerned with youth.

She presented Miss Janice Beck, student secretary at S. L. I., who gave a few words of greeting and spoke enthusiastically of her work at the college.

Miss Lucile Pierce was introduced and told briefly of her work at Northwestern. She spoke of the cooperation of the Natchitoches Church with student work, and the help of the town-mothers, organization.

Mrs. Aycock then presented Miss Fay Barr, student secretary at Louisiana Tech, who was the principal speaker. Miss Barr's earnestness, sincerity, and deep interest in her work was apparent to her listeners. She spoke of the joys of serving and some of the problems confronting her. Listing returning veterans, counseling, and helping direct students toward a Christian way of life as some of her chief

problems. She urged the women of the Church to give student work their active, personal interest and prayers—saying, "No work you can do is greater than student work."

Recommendations from student work were read, discussed, and adopted.

Mrs. Kennon, chairman of tellers, reported on the ballot for a delegate to Assembly. With 127 votes cast, 65 were required for election, and the voting was as follows: Mesdames Campbell 48, Dameron 24, Kilpatrick 15, Davidson 13, Fairchild 12, Jackson 4, Shaffer 4, Pollard 3, Manning 2, Trice 2.

It was voted that a ballot be taken on the names of the five receiving most votes, which the voting body proceeded to do, and the tellers retired to make the count.

Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy, Secretary of Christian Social Relations, was in charge of the next hour's program. Interest of the Department this year is centered in the Legislative program. Mrs. Pomeroy said, before presenting the speaker, "The new atomic age is already here, we can meet it head-long or back into it. So far we have been unable to control both the world and this new atomic energy—neither are put to the best usage for mankind. It is of paramount importance that women mold public opinion, voice their approval and disapproval of issues, and the one powerful way to do this is through the vote."

Mrs. Pomeroy presented Mrs. Roger Sharp, state president of the P.-T. A., who spoke with assurance, poise, and enthusiasm on the subject, "Legislation," from a wide background of knowledge. She outlined briefly legislative advances that have been the result of women's influence. She stated that women face grave political dangers:

1. Of exercising influence only when there is scandal or corruption.
2. Of failing to select, and elect, candidates who will support measures which women approve.

In a starkly realistic manner Mrs. Sharp outlined the dark picture of Louisiana's literacy rating, and in revealing statistics, showed the reasons why the state stands in 48th place. She outlined the legislative program that the Louisiana Legislative Council is attempting to get passed, explaining why each piece of legislation should have the unqualified support of church women.

She stated in conclusion that some ways of getting legislation passed is:

1. Through membership in the Louisiana Legislative Council.
2. By contacting senators and representatives and letting them know women's interests.
3. By becoming elected to some office, such as member of school board.

Mrs. Pomeroy presented Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter who is a member of the Christian Social Relations Committee of the Woman's Division.

The recommendations from the Christian Social Relations Department were read by Mrs. Miles McPeck and, after discussion, were adopted as read.

The tellers reported on the result of the ballot for a delegate to the Assembly. Mrs. D. M. Campbell received a majority of the votes cast, and was elected.

Upon motion of Mrs. Manning, and a second by Mrs. Stewart, it was voted that the three having the next highest vote serve as alternates—they were: Mrs. Dameron, Mrs. Davidson and Mrs. Fairchild and Mrs. Kilpatrick, tying for third place.

Report of Mission Work in rural areas followed:

Miss Ella Hooper was unable to be present because of duties at MacDonnell School, and her report was given by Mrs. Noel Mithern. She gave an outline of the school, its activities, and religious and character training of children. The school provides opportunity for

underprivileged children of the community and adjacent areas—taking only boarding students. She told of the disastrous fire, and the need of supplies, urging the societies to help in replenishing them. The building was insured for \$16,000.00, but it will take \$18,000.00 to rebuild. She concluded by saying that the school made remarkable gains under severe handicaps—and teachers in MacDonnell must be imbued with missionary zeal for they are on almost 24 hour duty.

Deaconess Eva Crenshaw reported on rural work. She had a remarkable list of accomplishments to report—study classes, work with young people, vacation church school, supply preaching for pastors, visits, teaching in church school, and wielding community life into more wholesome atmosphere through fellowship, recreation, and worship.

Rev. Timmons spoke on the work at Sagar-Brown School. Miss Rosie Ann Cobb was unable to attend because of illness. He gave an interesting report of progress with the home and school.

Mrs. Moore chose as the subject of her meditation for the "Quiet Hour" this text from Song of Solomon 5:16, "He is altogether lovely, he is my friend." She said that the Disciples would have forgotten Jesus after his Ascension if it had not been for the Holy Ghost. So, if we are to be Witnesses, Christ must motivate our lives.

The marks of the presence of Jesus are characterized by:

1. Adequate inner resources.
2. Infectious joy.
3. Unbroken peace.
4. Outgoing love.

Christians are not star-gazers. Genuine religion is the most practical thing on earth, and the presence of Jesus is our only equipment for winning the world.

The Conference body stood in appreciation for the wonderfully inspiring messages brought by Mrs. Moore. Mrs. Pollard extended her an invitation to be our guest at a Conference-wide Retreat in the future.

It was difficult to resume business following this inspirational hour, but reports of standing committees were presented.

Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, chairman of committee on constitution and by-laws, read the proposed changes in by-laws, standing rules and constitution, and explained each. Discussion followed, after which they were adopted as read.

Due to the lateness of the hour reports of the other standing committees were referred to the Minutes.

Mrs. Pollard asked Mrs. John Ward, president of the Baton Rouge W. S. C. S., and chairman of the local committees, to come to the platform. Mrs. Ward introduced each of the women, saying that they were from First Church and the other Methodist Churches in the city and had all cooperated in entertaining Conference. As the group stood on the platform, Mrs. Guy Hicks, chairman of the committee, read the Resolutions, a real tribute to their graciousness and hospitality.

Upon motion of Mrs. Dameron, and a second by Mrs. Davidson, it was voted that a copy of the Resolutions be sent the Baptist Missionary Society, the other Methodist societies, and the newspapers.

The group stood in appreciation for the wonderful service given by the Baptist women in serving the meals during the Conference, without remuneration.

Mrs. Pollard asked if there were invitations for a meeting place for the 1947 Conference. There were none, and the matter was left to the Conference Executive Committee to decide upon a place of meeting.

A beautiful and inspiring installation service, conducted by Mrs. W. M. Ledbetter, concluded the Conference sessions. Grouped about the altar the newly elected officers pledged themselves to the service

of the W. S. C. S., then knelt as Mrs. Ledbetter led a final prayer of consecration.

At the conclusion of the service, Mrs. Ledbetter called Mrs. Laskey to the platform, then standing between Mrs. Pollard, the out-going president, and Mrs. Laskey, the newly elected one, she presented each of them with lovely arm bouquets of roses. They bore cards announcing they were gifts from the Louisiana Civic and Moral Foundation, the thoughtful courtesy of Rev. A. C. Lawton, the director. Mrs. Pollard's bouquet was pale yellow roses, tied with satin ribbon of the same shade, and Mrs. Laskey's American Beauties, similarly tied.

Mrs. Pollard announced the Sixth Annual Session of the Woman's Society of Christian Service closed, and Rev. A. C. Lawton pronounced the benediction.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President

Mrs. Glenn Laskey, Recording Secretary.

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Mrs. J. B. Pollard

As the chosen representatives of our societies, we are assembled in this the sixth annual meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service in Louisiana in a crucial hour of human history. We would, therefore, in these opening moments look to Him in an especial way for his blessings upon us for great are the responsibilities of every missionary woman gathered in this service tonight.

This occasion is one to which we have long looked forward—for a conference meeting of Methodist women is indeed a time for fellowship, counselling together and for real spiritual enrichment.

Last year at this time our hearts were heavy, for it was the first year in the history of Woman's Work in Louisiana, since the uniting of the old home and foreign societies many years ago, that we were not privileged to hold our annual meeting. So low were our spirits at that time, we wondered if ever again we would be able to hold another conference session. But God has abundantly blessed us and the Victory came far more quickly than we dared to hope. Let us rejoice and praise His Holy name and resolve in our hearts to live worthy of the Victory.

Realizing the seriousness of the world situation today and the responsibilities that rest on Christians, it was with a great deal of care and prayerful thinking that the theme for this 1946 meeting was chosen. We were inspired by the beautiful Crusade hymn, written especially for this period of Evangelism, and the theme "Courage of Christ" was unanimously voted by the Committee. It is our earnest prayer that we will be so challenged to Christian service that the prayer "Courage of Christ, Descend on Me" will constantly be on our lips and in our hearts during our stay in Baton Rouge.

Dr. Fosdick, in his most recent book has said "that the greatness of these ghastly times in which we live lies in the fact that it not only CALLS for Christianity but CHALLENGES Christianity in no uncertain way." Surely if Christians are to be Christian in this day the "Courage of Christ" is our paramount need.

Everywhere in the church press we are reading "This is the great hour of opportunity for the Church" and we know that it is true. With much of the world in ruins, with millions bereaved over the death of loved ones and with every nation threatened by economic caos, as is iur own, it is needless to say the world of today pathetically needs God.

I was particularly impressed by the devotional messages brought to us each day in St. Louis by Bishop Ivan Lee Holt at the recent Jurisdictional meeting of the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

Bishop Holt, as you know, is a man of wide experience who has participated in many world meetings for the Church. He told us of a recent one he had attended in which Christian leaders from many lands had taken part. It was most interesting to hear him tell of the things they discussed. Their discussions were not limited to the things of the Church but those Christian leaders were discussing every vital issue before the world today—our relationship to Great Britain—to Russia—the Jews' entrance into Palestine—the atomic bomb and its effect and many other vital questions. He said after hours spent in discussing each of these, they would invariably end by saying "well, after all, doesn't it depend on what kind of people we have in tomorrow's world"—the kind of people we will have in Germany, the kind of people we will have in Japan, in Russia, in India and the kind of people we will have in the United States of America. Then he added in no uncertain terms "the responsibility of the kind of people we will have in this world rests on the Christian Church. As we think of who makes up the Christian Church, should we not fervently pray "courage of Christ, descend on me."

Along with the heavy responsibilities that are coming to the Church today, we are encouraged to find that towering o'er the wrecks of time are many signs of promise. It is most significant, is it not, that the very first civilians to enter Japan after the occupation were the representatives of the Church? We have become most interested in reading the reports of Bishop Baker, Dr. Walter Van Kirk and others—they have all spoken in the highest terms of the Christian leaders of Japan who have carried on so valiantly during the War. They told of their first meeting with the Christian leaders there in Tokyo and said that this initial meeting was a "Communion Service," an Upper Room experience that will never be forgotten.

As interesting as the reports were from the representatives of the Church, those coming from the military have most amazed me. Brigadier General Bonner Fellers, personal aide to General MacArthur, has sized up the situation in Japan and his most enlightening article appeared in the New York World Telegram recently. As he described the upsurge of Christianity in Japan, he referred to it as a "spiritual revolution." He reported that Japanese evangelists were preaching to thousands and churches were drawing overflowing crowds and converts were being made by the hundreds. That from the Military!

And then comes a message from a great Christian leader to America, one which we dare not ignore. He says "Emperor Hirohito's renunciation of his divinity has precipitated a situation quite without a parallel in the history of Christian missions and one which must be met with the utmost boldness." "The next twenty months," says he, "are critical. Mass meetings develop overnight. The emperor, having stepped aside, the Japanese are without a god. Now is the supreme chance of all times to lift up Christ. Such a day will not come again in five hundred years! Anything less than a high and holy daring may cost the Church of Christ its greatest opportunity." Fellow workers, who is the Church of Christ? Shall we not constantly pray "Courage of Christ, Descend on Me."

And signs of promise are not only to be found in Japan, but also in China, in Korea, in Africa, in India, in Europe. The Macedonian call "to come over and help us" rings out as clearly today as it did in the days of Paul, the great Missionary. Everywhere they are pleading for missionaries. One writing from Puerto Rico says, "all I can see is outstretched hands." A great physician from Korea, now studying at Johns Hopkins says "the coming of Missionaries, teachers, preachers, doctors, agriculturists were never needed more in Korea."

We remember the thrill that came to us that day General MacArthur set foot on the shore of Leyte and reaching for a microphone

announced to the Filipino people, "I have returned!"—That was not only thrilling to the Filipino but to us also.

Yet, just as thrilling to thousands of people in the Mission lands will be the words of our missionaries, "We have returned." You will be interested to know that among the first who have already returned to China are Dr. and Mrs. Sid Anderson who were such delightful guests of ours at the last session of this Conference held two years ago in Crowley. And bringing it still closer home tonight is the fact that the distinguished husband of our distinguished guest at this conference has also answered the call to return. Bishop Arthur J. Moore, President of the Board of Missions and perhaps our most outstanding missionary bishop is tonight, as we meet here in Baton Rouge, in Kosea holding conferences with native Korean Christians planning for the return of the missionaries. Also, our distinguished guest who sits with me on the platform and who will be our guest speaker has also had the privilege of conferring with Christian leaders as to the return of our missionaries to Europe.

And now for the next moments we must turn our thoughts to the homeland. During these war years as our missionaries have been withdrawn from their fields of labor and returned to the homeland each has been reported to say "We cannot make the world Christian until we make America Christian." How difficult we here in America have made it for our missionaries by our unchristian attitudes and ways of living!

Someone has well asked, "Are we in America going to have the moral fiber to take liberty and justice for all and apply it, or are we going to miss the mark and make "liberty and justice" for only the privileged few."

We are all aware of the many cries before us right now which will test America's greatness. They have come in the form of the great labor issue, the tense race situation, our dealings with other nations and last but not least the terrible liquor evil.

Race prejudice, my friends, is probably the greatest hindrance today to world brotherhood. Have you ever carefully thought through the meaning of the word "prejudice"—it simply means "pre-judge, judging without the facts." Cannot we who are members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service wage a continuous campaign to break down racial barriers and wipe out discriminations that threaten world peace and world brotherhood? You and I must actively support legislation that has to do with the rights of human beings. They tell us that those who represent us in the halls of Congress are waiting for word from their constituency concerning all of these important issues. Then tomorrow you will hear discussed a great legislative program for Louisiana. We know that the voices of ten thousand Methodist women in Louisiana can be powerful and we urge you to be strong in your Christian convictions and do all in your power to mold and mobilize public opinion.

Another powerful evil over which Christian women are deeply concerned is the increased use of alcohol in our beloved land. The steady advance of this is piling up heartaches and heartbreaks for multitudes of people. Surely the hour has struck when Christian women must work with vigor and determination against this foe of all humanity. How can we work most effectively? Through organized effort, of course. Let us begin at the House of God, with every member doing his part. But by no means let it end there. Let us pray anew for a crusading spirit and help make America "a nation whose God is the Lord."

One or two things I must say to you regarding the work of the Conference—it was with a feeling of pride at the Jurisdictional meeting held last month in St. Louis, when we heard the Treasurer of the Jurisdiction make her report for she said "The Louisiana Conference

takes highest honors of the 19 Conferences in overpayment of pledge for 1945, and highest honor in per capita giving and second honor in the giving of special memberships." I say a feeling of pride swept over me, but I must confess it was soon followed by a feeling of deep remorse when I heard that the per capita of the Jurisdiction was \$3.31 and of Louisiana \$6.41. As I look out over this audience of well-cared for, well-dressed women and when I think of the challenge thrown to us by Christian leaders and the military, I can not help but feel remorseful. It is my earnest prayer that during this Conference and after you return to your homes, you will rethink the matter of your own personal pledge in relationship to sacrificial giving. I believe if we earnestly do this we will be ready to say as did David of old, "Neither will I offer unto the Lord that which cost me nothing."

Everywhere we go we are hearing about the alarming situation in the Church regarding the shortage of missionary personnel. Miss MacKinnon who has just returned from a tour of Methodist work in Africa said to us in St. Louis, "I have been in the work thirty-two years and never have I known the need for missionaries to be as acute as it is today." It has been estimated that it will take 285 new missionaries to put us back where we were before the war.

Our leaders are telling us that the twenty six million dollars recently raised for the Crusade for Christ will be of little value if replacements for missionaries who are bening retired or those, who having been interned, must have rest cannot be found. They remind us that hospitals without doctors and nurses will be of little value, schools without teachers will be useless, churches without preachers and trained workers will be of little value.

To me personally, Miss MacKinnon sighted the case of Miss Eleonor Ashby, our own Louisiana daughter. Many of you have been writing me asking about her. Miss Ashby, a graduate nurse, left for Africa this last June; she is now working in a clinic and dispensary and heads a training school for nurses in southern Rhodesia. At the present time, they have no doctor and no other white nurse. She alone is carrying the responsibilities, only with the help of a few partially-trained native workers. This shows you the acuteness of the situation. My missionary friends, you and I must help find the workers. But we must begin way back at the root of this trouble and give the children and the youth of our churches intensive missionary training. We have been careless about this. Many societies in this Conference have never elected secretaries of children and youth. It is increasingly apparent that they must have the proper missionary education or they will never even know that they are needed by their Church.

There are many things that are crowding my mind right now as I close this message. At the close of this Conference I will have rounded out five years as your President and the time has come when I must sever relationship as your leader. Emotions are near the surface tonight and I dare not express myself as I should like to but there are a few things that I would like to leave with you as my parting message. First, you and I as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service are engaged in the biggest business in all the world. No other Woman's organization to which you or I belong has such a far reaching program as this—for the Woman's work of our Church is interested in the total life of every human being in the world. I urge you to give this organization first loyalty.

Then I should like to remind you that before we can do Christ's work, we must appropriate more of His life and that with Him we can advance, but without Him we can do nothing and I am speaking from personal experience.

Then, in the years to come, if the task seems almost overwhelm-

ing, let us always remember that the infinite resources of God are ever available, only for the asking.

And lastly, I should like to say this work calls for a manifestation of greatness—greatness in Christian character, greatness in daily Christian living and greatness in noble action.

It is indeed wonderful to be a Methodist missionary woman today. And we know that the words spoken to Mary of old by the Angel are truly ours today: "Hail, Methodist Women, thou art highly favored, the Lord is with thee; blessed are thou among women."

REPORT OF VICE-PRESIDENT

The theme of our Conference, "Courage of Christ."

Have you thought seriously of what we are asking for and what we can accomplish with such courage?

The call to ourselves and to the world is Christ. We do not call the world to be like ourselves, for we are already too like the world. No finer organization exists than our W. S. C. S. Love, loyalty and untiring service are characteristic of our women.

The hour calls us to a new dedication to the task of evangelizing the world, beginning right in our own communities. To the concern of our fathers—that men should not die without Christ—we would add an equally great concern: lest they live without Christ.

Vast multitudes of our brothers and sisters are without freedom, without hope—living under conditions which cannot prevail when Christ has his way.

Can we defend our comfortable and complacent attitudes in such an hour as this? Can we withhold anything we possess or any service we can render that will contribute to the redemption of mankind?

Since, in the local societies, the Vice-President acts as Chairman of the program committee, promotes World Federation of Methodist women and also promotes special memberships, we have a splendid opportunity to advance the cause of missions. Last year many doors were opened to us through presentation of programs sent down from the Division.

The purpose of the Federation is "to make Christ known" through various lines of work, education, health and social work. What a world we are watching and trying to help! The Federation will have increasing meaning as we come more in touch with the heroic work of the women in the countries so long blacked out by war.

Again, the Vice-President can play a big part in stimulating interest in the people of many lands. We have urged a wide use of the new prayer card. "To know Him and to make Him known."

The large number of special memberships presented in 1945 gives proof that the second mile giving has been stressed. There were 480 memberships, a total of \$8680.00.

Letters from the District Vice-Presidents show growing interest, and they are asking about ways to present their work more efficiently.

The Vice-President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service can no longer be termed a "stand in" for the President. She has specific duties.

As a result of our study and work, we hope that the members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have received a rich Christian experience and may be stimulated to greater activity in seeking to bring others into such an experience.

"O Master of the waking world,
 Who hast the nations in Thy heart—
 The heart that bled and broke to send
 God's love to earth's remotest part:
 Show us anew in Calvary
 The wondrous power that makes men free.

Thy witness in the souls of men,
 Thy Spirit's ceaseless, brooding power,
 In lands where shadows hide the light,
 Await a new creative hour:
 O mighty God, set us aflame
 To show the glory of Thy Name."
 Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Vice-President.

RECOMMENDATIONS

World Federation, Program Work

I. World Federation of Methodist Women

1. That the "Methodist Woman," "World Outlook," and the regular program material be specially promoted as sources of "Federation Fuel."
2. That wide use be made of the new Prayer Card, a poster enlargement for each society being suggested.
3. That full participation be given in opportunities to send food and clothing to distressed peoples abroad.
4. That hospitality be cultivated toward foreign students in our communities.

II. Program Building

1. That vice-presidents observe and study program methods in the local society, evaluating them as to results in (1) increased knowledge of the work, (2) spiritual strengthening, (3) concrete service, (4) enlarged Christian fellowship, the standard for program material being the regular program outlines of the Society.
2. That the findings of this survey be developed into a clearing house for ideas and plans in program building, and the formation of guiding principles.

Mrs. J. S. Riddick, Secretary Vice-President Committee
 Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, Vice-President.

REPORT OF TREASURER

Cash Receipts and Disbursements

Woman's Society of Christian Service, 1945

Cash in First National Bank, Shreveport, La., Jan. 10, 1945 \$ 3,492.94

Received on Pledges and Special Missionary Projects:

W. S. C. S. \$41,371.23

W. S. G. 3,849.96

Received for Special Memberships:

W. S. C. S. 8,425.00

W. S. G. 265.00

Total on pledge to Conference \$53,911.19

M. Y. F. 823.58

Children 122.46

Cultivation—W. S. C. S. 480.78

Cultivation—W. S. G. 56.69

Total on Cultivation 537.47

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| Week of Prayer—W. S. C. S. | 5,193.72 |
| Week of Prayer—W. S. G. | 304.33 |

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| Total on Week of Prayer | 5,498.05 |
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Supplies—Home, W. S. C. S.

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| Business Girls Inn | 5.00 | |
| MacDonnell Mission School | 2,494.81 | |
| St. Marks Community Center | 915.55 | |
| Sager Brown | 79.85 | |
| Peck Hall | 25.00 | |
| Scarritt College | 53.00 | |
| Home | 100.00 | |
| Dulac Indians | 57.00 | |
| Navajo Indians | 20.00 | |
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| Total | | 3,750.21 |

Supplies—Foreign, W. S. C. S.

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| China | 841.80 | |
| India | 65.04 | |
| Foreign | 118.25 | |
| Sacrificial Offering | 1,616.71 | |
| Africa | 116.82 | |
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| Total | | 2,758.62 |

Supplies—Home, W. S. G.

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| MacDonnell Mission School | 54.00 | |
| St. Marks Community Center | 18.10 | |
| Brewster Hospital | 3.00 | |
| Home | 16.50 | |
| Esther Hall | 3.00 | |
| Transient Worker | 25.00 | |
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| Total | | 119.60 |

Supplies—Foreign, W. S. G.

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| China | 48.00 | |
| India | 5.00 | |
| Foreign | 16.50 | |
| Argentine | 5.00 | |
| Ewha College | 5.00 | |
| International Journal | 12.50 | |
| Africa | 3.00 | |
| Mexico | 5.00 | |
| Brazil | 5.00 | |
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| Total | | 105.00 |

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| Total Supplies—W. S. C. S. and W. S. G. | 6,733.43 |
| Scarritt Study Grant | 20.00 |
| Dulac Fund | 128.40 |
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| Total Receipts from Districts | 67,874.58 |
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| Total Receipts | 71,367.52 |
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CASH RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS
WOMAN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE, 1945

DISBURSEMENTS:

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| Total paid on Pledge to Woman's Division of Christian Service by WSCS | 38,621.03 | |
| Total paid on Pledge to Woman's Division of Christian Service by WSG | 3,573.76 | |
| Total given on Special Memberships by WSCS | 8,425.00 | |
| Total given on Special Memberships by WSG | 265.00 | |
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| Total paid to Division on Pledge | 50,884.79 | |
| Paid to Woman's Division of Christian Service on MYF, Children, Week of Prayer & Supplies | 13,277.52 | |
| Cultivation paid on WDCCS | 21.80 | |
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| Total paid to WDCCS | | 64,184.11 |
| Cultivation paid to Jurisdiction | | 300.00 |
| Conference Officers Expenses | 922.28 | |
| Christian Social Relations | 500.00 | |
| (including \$100.00 to support of C. C.) | | |
| Jurisdictional Meeting | 39.19 | |
| New Orleans Executive Meeting | 213.33 | |
| Mt. Sequoyah School of Missions | 204.75 | |
| West Monroe Executive Meeting | 82.95 | |
| District Organization Expense | 185.30 | |
| District Expense | 477.99 | |
| Expense of Student Workers to Urbana Conference | 75.00 | |
| Printing Conference Minutes | 363.25 | |
| Miscellaneous Expenses— | | |
| including Conference Automobile | 288.96 | |
| Bank Charges | 18.99 | |
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| | 3,371.99 | |
| Credit on net receipts and disbursements | | |
| Educational Seminar | 5.09 | |
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| Total Conference Expense | | 3,366.90 |
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| Total Disbursements | | 67,851.01 |
| Cash in First National Bank, Shreveport, La., Jan. 10, 1946 | | 3,516.51 |
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| | | 71,367.52 |

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Conference Treasurer.

RECOMMENDATIONS OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

1. We recommend that all monies of Local Societies, except those designated for community service and local church activities, over and above the pledge to missions, shall be sent to the District Treasurers at the end of the year.

2. We recommend that whenever possible, reports be sent the District Treasurer by the first of the month following the close of the quarter.

3. We recommend that the District Treasurers secure from each local society an itemized budget, thus enabling the District Treasurer to estimate the pledge of each society. These figures should be made available to the Conference Treasurer before February 1, 1946.

4. We recommend that the pledge to the Division be raised \$2,000.00 or a total of \$37,500.00 for 1946, and that the pledge to Conference be that amount pledged to the Division plus 35c per capita.

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| Total Pledge | \$40,849.00 |
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Divided as follows:

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| Alexandria | 4,171.00 |
| Baton Rouge | 4,720.00 |
| Lake Charles | 4,379.00 |
| Monroe | 5,210.00 |
| New Orleans | 6,185.00 |
| Ruston | 5,520.00 |
| Shreveport | 10,664.00 |

40,849.00

Recommendations:

5. A consistent effort to make our financial gifts and goals a "Living Spiritual Challenge", so that every woman will want to have a share in its rich blessing. Every woman in the church given an opportunity to make a personal pledge to the Woman's Society of Christian Service.

6. A steady increase in giving over 1945, for "it is in giving that we receive."

7. Recognition of all special offerings, Lenten, Thank offering, Week of Prayer, Christmas offering and Gift Boxes.

Mrs. L. B. Kilpatrick, Chairman

Mrs. F. E. Kennon, Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARY

With the close of 1945 we found ourselves in the much talked about post-war World. A world which not only needed the message of God's love, but a world which was ready in many places to accept that message if we would but send it. The accomplishments of the Louisiana Conference will help to make possible a larger program of Missionary activity, both at home and in far corners.

The women of Louisiana in doing the work represented by the figures which I shall submit have not only increased their interest in all races of people but have also developed themselves personally into finer children of God.

Perhaps the most outstanding thing done last year was the organization of the districts. During the second quarter of 1945 District Meetings were held in each district and were attended by a team of several conference officers. At these meetings a complete set of district officers were elected who have given of themselves without reserve and are functioning well in the cause that they represent. All of the District Secretaries of Organization and Promotion and most of the local corresponding secretaries have had a share in making this report what it is.

There has been an advance in almost every line of work and we feel that it is due to the deepening of the spiritual life of our women. Last year we reported 147 secretaries of spiritual life. In 1945 I am happy to say there were 177. With a deeper spiritual life, also came an enlarged vision and our total pledge increased from \$45,787.96 in 1944 to \$53,911.19 in 1945.

With the war over and our missionaries returning to their posts of duty and a cry coming from every direction that we send more missionaries and workers, it behooves us to do our utmost to answer their calls. In addition to the need for workers, there is the necessity of repairing and replacing those schools, hospitals and churches which were damaged and destroyed by war. So, now in these post-war days, our responsibilities have become enlarged rather than diminished.

We have 247 Societies with a membership of 8,589 and 52 Wesleyan Service Guilds with a membership of 977. These figures represent a slight loss in number of Societies but a net gain over 1944 of 669 members in the Woman's Society and 188 in the guild. However, during the year, we added 1205 new members. You will see that we did not attain the 10% increase for which we were striving, but we did come third in the Jurisdiction with .084%.

In this connection, I wish to pay special tribute to Lake Charles and Ruston Districts for some very fine cultivation for, although, they report 187 and 139 new members respectively their total membership at the close of 1945 was 49 per cent and 38 per cent respectively more than at the close of the previous year.

Today we find that more and more people are making their way "back home" and that in the days to come populations will be more stable. Let us make every effort to re-enlist these women as they return home.

There were 154 Societies which observed the "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial with an offering of \$5,193.72 and \$304.33 from the Guilds. That means that we had 93 societies which did not do so and we are still striving for 100 per cent observance.

There were 480 life memberships of various kinds totaling \$8,690.

In 1945 we had more than three times as many societies using the goals and also more than three times as many achieving them all as in the previous year, and, of course, this is heartening, but we still have a large number of groups which are not even making any effort in this direction. Won't you make an effort this year to attain at least a few of the goals?

Officers Training Days were held in all districts and were well attended. Zone leaders have held numbers of interesting and inspiring meetings and much credit is due them for their fine services.

For a detail report of statistics and finances I refer you to the conference minutes which will soon be in your hands.

And, now looking forward rather than backward may we ask God's guidance in the conduct of His work by saying: "O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come" help us to make of our world "A New Earth Wherein Dwelleth Righteousness."

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. D. M. Campbell.

Recommendations from Department of Organization and Promotion

We recommend:

1. That we continue in the work of organizing new societies and fostering those already organized, until a goal of at least one society in each charge is reached.

2. That the membership list be checked for accuracy and the membership campaign be continued throughout 1946 with a goal of 10 per cent net increase over that number.

3. That each District at its District Meeting assume its share of this goal as follows:

Alexandria 76; Baton Rouge 129; Lake Charles 139; Monroe 107; New Orleans 114; Ruston 124, and Shreveport 174.

4. That every society strive to attain the "Instruments of Peace" (goals for 1946) and that local corresponding secretaries be impressed with their duty to keep them ever before the society.

5. That Districts assume their share of the Financial goal of \$37,500.00 adopted by Louisiana Conference. Special emphasis should be placed upon the importance of every member in the local society prayerfully making a pledge, special memberships and more wide-spread observance of the Week of Prayer and Self-Denial. And that special seasons such as lent and Christmas be the occasion of a Thank Offering.

| Special Memberships | Memorial Special Memberships | Adult Special Memberships | Number of Societies Observing Week of Prayer | Amount Per Capita On Pledge Not Including W. S. G. |
|---------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|
| 0 | 0 | 24 | | |
| 3 | 0 | 61 | | |
| 0 | 1 | 35 | | |
| 0 | 0 | 35 | | |
| 0 | 0 | 17 | | |
| 0 | 0 | 44 | | |
| 0 | 0 | 83 | | |
| | 1 | 299 | | \$5.78 |

| Wesleyan Service Guild | Cash for Supplies W. S. G. | Cash Supplies W. S. C. S. | Amount Spent for C. S. R. & L. C. A. | Total Raised By Conference For All Purposes |
|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| \$345.68 | \$ | \$ 553.82 | \$ | |
| 596.33 | 110.00 | 1,051.35 | 5,248.01 | |
| 110.93 | 22.35 | 885.01 | 4,876.29 | |
| 382.72 | 25.00 | 1,067.77 | 5,141.77 | |
| 545.95 | | 882.02 | 5,134.61 | |
| 350.29 | 4.00 | 812.62 | 3,634.59 | |
| 274.38 | | 1,119.05 | 10,085.57 | |
| 406.28 | \$161.35 | \$6,371.64 | \$34,120.84 | \$67,874.58 |

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FINANCIAL AND STATISTICAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

STATISTICAL REPORT FOR 1945

| DISTRICTS | Number of New Societies | Total Number of Societies | Number of New Members | Total Membership | Number of New Guilds | Total Number of Guilds | Number of New Members | Total Membership | Number of Student Secretaries | No. of Secretaries of Youth Work | Number of Interest Groups (Youth Work) | Number of Secretaries of Children's Work | Number of Church Schools Having Additional Sessions | Number of Spiritual Life Secretaries | Number New Subscriptions to Methodist Woman | Total Subscriptions to Methodist Woman | Number of New Subscriptions to World Outlook | Total Subscriptions to World Outlook | Is Every Officer A Subscriber To Methodist Woman | Is Every Officer A Subscriber To World Outlook | Number Study and Action Committees | Number in Special Study Classes | No. Societies Using "Doors of Progress" | Baby Special Memberships | Junior Special Memberships | Youth Special Memberships | Memorial Special Memberships | Adult Special Memberships | Number of Societies Observing Week of Prayer | Amount Per Capita On Pledge Not Including W. S. G. |
|--------------|----------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--|---|--|---|--|--|--|--|--|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
| Alexandria | 2 | 32 | 115 | 754 | 0 | 5 | 11 | 55 | 7 | 5 | 1 | 13 | 10 | 18 | 53 | 144 | 48 | 153 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 770 | 9 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 24 | | |
| Baton Rouge | 1 | 34 | 240 | 1,284 | 0 | 8 | 42 | 164 | 11 | 7 | 3 | 18 | 5 | 20 | 54 | 169 | 31 | 157 | 2 | 2 | 15 | 1,718 | 15 | 61 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 61 | | |
| Lake Charles | 0 | 38 | 187 | 1,383 | 8 | 11 | 30 | 182 | 12 | 11 | 7 | 20 | 10 | 33 | 126 | 277 | 133 | 279 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 672 | 11 | 10 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 35 | | |
| Monroe | 1 | 38 | 165 | 1,063 | 1 | 7 | 37 | 155 | 17 | 14 | 4 | 18 | 6 | 27 | 97 | 256 | 80 | 209 | 9 | 4 | 18 | 1,464 | 28 | 21 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 35 | | |
| New Orleans | 0 | 29 | 111 | 1,140 | 2 | 7 | 16 | 125 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 14 | 8 | 21 | 153 | 307 | 135 | 226 | 6 | 8 | 9 | 458 | 12 | 7 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 17 | | |
| Ruston | 1 | 39 | 139 | 1,234 | 0 | 8 | 36 | 195 | 18 | 16 | 3 | 24 | 9 | 27 | 78 | 328 | 69 | 288 | 4 | 3 | 12 | 1,502 | 11 | 30 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 44 | | |
| Shreveport | 2 | 38 | 248 | 1,731 | 1 | 6 | 33 | 101 | 20 | 19 | 3 | 28 | 6 | 31 | 221 | 571 | 212 | 542 | 8 | 7 | 18 | 1,071 | 29 | 29 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 83 | | |
| TOTAL | 7 | | 1,205 | 8,589 | 10 | 52 | | 977 | 93 | 82 | 22 | 133 | 54 | 177 | 780 | 2,062 | 709 | 1,854 | 32 | 28 | 86 | 7,655 | 115 | 169 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 299 | \$5.78 | |

ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION REPORT AND SUMMARY

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR 1945

SCHOLARSHIPS

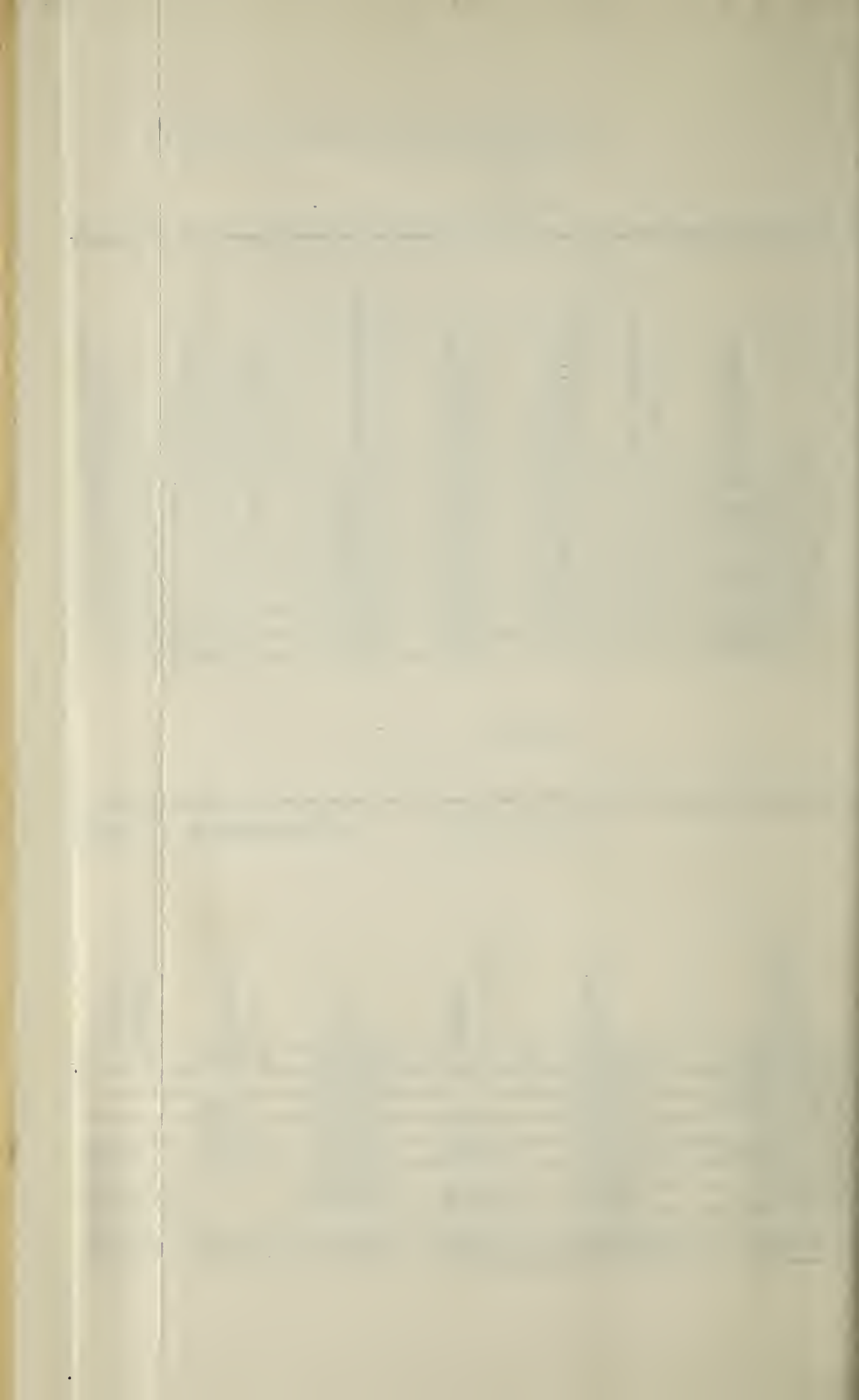
SALARIES

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS

| DISTRICTS | Pledges | City Mission Funds | Houma | Foreign | Bible Women | Deaconesses | Dulac | Baby | Junior | Youth | Adult | Memorial | Total Memberships | Total on Pledges | Childrens Offering Additional Sessions | Youth Fund | Sochoy Hospital | Lenten Offering | Migrant | Week of Prayer | Wesleyan Service Guild | Cash for Supplies W. S. G. | Cash Supplies W. S. C. S. | Amount Spent for C. S. R. & L. C. A. | Total Raised By Conference For All Purposes | | | |
|---------------------|-------------|--------------------|------------|----------|-------------|-------------|---------|----------|---------|---------|------------|----------|-------------------|------------------|--|------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Alexandria | \$ 3,109.57 | \$ | \$ 564.30 | \$ 40.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ | \$ 55.00 | \$ | \$ | \$ 600.00 | \$ | \$ 655.00 | \$ 4,423.87 | \$285.75 | \$ 42.75 | \$50.00 | \$ 5.00 | \$ | \$ 459.99 | \$ 345.68 | \$ | \$ 553.82 | \$ | | | | |
| Baton Rouge | 4,057.61 | | 910.14 | | | | | 305.00 | 10.00 | 45.00 | 1,525.00 | | 1,885.00 | 8,852.75 | 9.41 | 270.57 | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Lake Charles | 4,044.61 | | 1,062.65 | 22.50 | | | | 50.00 | | | 875.00 | 50.00 | 1,075.00 | 6,268.21 | 53.44 | 120.52 | | | | 840.14 | 596.33 | 110.00 | 1,051.35 | 5,248.01 | | | | |
| Monroe | 4,839.27 | | 480.05 | 80.00 | | | | 105.00 | 10.00 | | 875.00 | | 980.00 | 6,409.47 | 10.75 | 73.97 | | 83.45 | | 717.29 | 1,110.93 | 22.35 | 885.01 | 4,876.29 | | | | |
| New Orleans | 4,280.07 | 199.00 | 1,388.52 | 130.00 | 130.00 | | 35.00 | 35.00 | 10.00 | | 425.00 | | 670.00 | 5,720.59 | | 234.19 | | 20.15 | | 672.58 | 682.72 | 25.00 | 1,087.77 | 5,141.77 | | | | |
| Huston | 4,589.37 | | 880.53 | | | | | 150.00 | | | 1,100.00 | | 1,260.00 | 6,718.90 | 32.97 | 115.52 | | | 20.00 | 727.77 | 545.95 | | 882.02 | 5,134.61 | | | | |
| Shreveport | 6,064.70 | 1,289.00 | 1,473.29 | | 120.00 | 1,450.00 | | 145.00 | 20.00 | | 2,075.00 | | 2,240.00 | 12,646.44 | 9.15 | 66.06 | | 9.45 | | 872.56 | 850.29 | 4.00 | 812.82 | 3,034.59 | | | | |
| TOTAL | \$30,995.29 | \$1,488.00 | \$6,737.48 | \$272.50 | \$250.00 | \$1,450.00 | \$35.00 | \$845.00 | \$50.00 | \$45.00 | \$7,475.00 | \$50.00 | \$8,690.00 | \$50,041.23 | \$401.46 | | \$50.00 | \$98.05 | \$20.00 | \$5,205.72 | \$4,406.28 | \$161.35 | \$8,371.64 | \$34,120.84 | \$67,874.58 | | | |
| Conference Honorary | | | | | | | | | | | | | | \$200.00 | *La. Conference | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Conference Honorary \$200.00

*La. Conference



SPECIAL MISSIONARY PROJECTS, 1945

| Name | Station | Amount Paid | Cost of Project | Credited To: |
|--|---------|-------------|-----------------|---|
| BIBLE WOMEN | | | | |
| Hester T. Smith—Songdo, Korea | | \$ 120.00 | | Noel Memorial WSCS, Shreveport, La. |
| Priscilla Banely—East Manchuria | | 100.00 | | Carrollton Ave., New Orleans, La. |
| Dorothy Wilnot—Huchow, China | | 100.00 | | Rayne Memorial WSCS, New Orleans, La. |
| FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS | | | | |
| Colegio Irene Toland—Matanzas, Cuba | | 40.00 | | Winnfield WSCS, Winnfield, La. |
| Lee Dick, Houston Institute—Songdo, Korea | | 40.00 | | Monroe First Church, WSCS, Monroe, La. |
| Annie Trosper, Davidson School—Soochow, China | | 40.00 | | Monroe First Church, WSCS, Monroe, La. |
| Bell O. Pry, Institute Launnes—Monterrey, Mexico | | 40.00 | | Rayne Memorial WSCS, New Orleans, La. |
| BUDGET SPECIALS | | | | |
| Margaret Hazel Maish—Buduan School, India | | 30.00 | | Jennings WSCS, Jennings, La. |
| Kindergarten—Congo Belge, Africa | | 25.00 | | Carrollton Ave. WSCS, New Orleans, La. |
| MISSIONARIES | | | | |
| China Missionary (Unassigned) | | 1,000.00 | | 1st Methodist Church, Shreveport, La. |
| Patricia MuHugh | | 1,000.00 | | Louisiana Conference |
| China Missionary | | 750.00 | | Louisiana Conference |
| Increase for China Missionary | | 226.86 | | Seven Districts, Louisiana Conference |
| Miss Elma Ashby—Nurses Training School, Nyadir, Africa | | 900.00 | 900.00 | Louisiana Conference |
| DEACONESSES | | | | |
| Miss Ella K. Hooper, MacDonnell French Mission School | | 900.00 | | 1st Methodist Church, Shreveport & Conf. |
| Mrs. Mark K. Freeman, Business Girls' Inn | | 900.00 | | Shreveport District |
| STUDENT WORKERS | | | | |
| Lucile Pierce, Northwestern, Natchitoches, La. | | 1,200.00 | | Louisiana Conference |
| Janice Beck, Southwestern, Lafayette, La. | | 900.00 | | Louisiana Conference |
| Fay Barr, La. Polytechnic Institute, Ruston, La. | | 400.00 | | Louisiana Conference |
| HOME SCHOLARSHIPS | | | | |
| MacDonnell French Mission School, Houma, La. | | 6,138.99 | \$6,000.00 | Louisiana WSCS and WSG |
| CITY MISSION BOARDS | | | | |
| St. Marks Community Center, New Orleans, La. | | 570.00 | | Louisiana WSCS and WSG |
| Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, La. | | 384.00 | | Shreveport District |
| RURAL WORKERS | | | | |
| Miss Eva Crenshaw, Indian Bayou | | 1,245.00 | 1,245.00 | Louisiana Conference |
| STUDY GRANT | | | | |
| Miss Lyvonne German, Searritt College | | 300.00 | 300.00 | Baton Rouge 1st Ch. WSG, Baton Rouge, La. |
| MIGRANT WORK | | | | |
| Hammond, La. | | 20.00 | | Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, La. |
| MISCELLANEOUS | | | | |
| Dulac Indians | | 20.00 | | Rayne Memorial Church, New Orleans, La. |
| Special Guild Projects | | 413.84 | | WSG Louisiana Conference |
| Lenten Offering | | 192.58 | | WSGS Louisiana Conference |
| Lenten Offering | | 3.80 | | WSG Louisiana Conference |

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARIES
ORGANIZATION AND PROMOTION
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

As one looks back over the year's work, the growth has been not only in number but in better knowledge of the purpose of the society and greater service. One of the most outstanding actions taken by the W. S. C. S. last year was the organization of Districts. It has greatly increased understanding of the needs and has brought more constructive support to the society.

The Crusade, with its many interests, has enabled our women to have a large part in building for a better membership through personal Evangelism. Our purpose this year is to organize the women in every church in the district. This will be done by each officer doing her best and contacting the small churches.

The District Officers' Training was held at the First Church in Alexandria. Regardless of the stormy weather there was a good attendance. We were privileged to attend the Visitation-Evangelism Meeting which followed when Bishop Martin gave a most inspiring message.

Six Zone Meetings have been held at Colfax, Pollock, Vidalia, Palmetto, Natchitoches and Urania, with constructive and inspirational programs. One to four District officers attended the meetings and gave valuable and helpful information regarding their work. Our Zone Leaders plan that the meetings will reach each station in the District and many of the smaller churches.

There has been a marked increase in finances and membership, as well as study classes, special membership and spiritual life groups. Also an increase has been most helpful in meeting the demands and needs of our service men and wives.

Wesleyan Service Guilds have been organized in Colfax and Vidalia and a great deal of interest manifested. Through this medium we hope to reach many young people of our church who will respond to the urgent call of full time Christian service. Miss Lucille Pierce, our student worker on Northwestern campus, is now doing an excellent work. The youth feel the need of a more effective and consecrated effort emphasized in the leadership of the Christian, and as leaders we too may have an awakening of the opportunity for full time service and pray definitely that the youth of our churches will respond to the urgent call.

Respectfully,
Mollie Stewart.

REPORT OF DISTRICT SECRETARY OF ORGANIZATION
AND PROMOTION
BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

In making my report for the Baton Rouge District, I am sure you will rejoice with me over the 126 Special Memberships which were presented the past year and for the \$1,885.00, the amount of money raised for the Special Memberships.

We realize that prayer is the dynamo that generates power and that one very sure test of the strength of our Woman's Society of Christian Service is the number of Spiritual Life Secretaries in the District. Out of the thirty-four societies in the Baton Rouge District, twenty-eight have Spiritual Life Secretaries. It will be our aim to encourage the other societies to elect their Spiritual Life Secretaries.

We know that information is convincing and the facts we learn

from our Approved Study Courses help us, to a very great extent, to reach our goal. Out of the thirty-four societies in our Baton Rouge District, only eleven societies are without a Study and Action Committee. Our Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service are doing a splendid work.

Mrs. N. B. Riddle, District Secretary.

REPORT OF LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT—1946

Take a map of Louisiana—fold it in half cross-wise—look just above the crease on the west border of the boot. You will see Many. This is the beginning of Lake Charles District. Come straight south to the bottom of the heel, turn east and go a little past the middle of the sole to Jeanerette. Close the triangle by drawing an imaginary line from up to Many and you have Lake Charles District—a large, scattered district—a beautiful part of our dear old State with the dearest, finest people, except in your district, in Louisiana.

We have thirty-six societies in our district, some large, some small. There are three charges in the district without a Woman's Society of Christian Service. These are in communities with scattered population. A lack of gas and tires made it impossible to organize. As soon as possible a society will be organized in each of these charges.

Reporting has not been perfect, but an average of twenty-nine and three-fourths societies reporting each quarter out of thirty-six societies is very fine.

Lake Charles District was completely reorganized at the district meeting held in Lake Charles on April 25, 1945. This has been a great help and will be more and more help as the local officers learn to call upon her corresponding district officer.

Lake Charles District was organized into five zones at the beginning of 1945. Five very consecrated and efficient leaders have done such fine work, holding zone meetings as often as conditions allowed and cooperating in every way. It is with deepest sympathy and regret that we have accepted the resignation of Mrs. Harvey Anderson, of Leesville, leader of Zone 1, because of the serious illness of her husband. Her place is to be filled.

Two Educational Seminars have been held in our district. Each was well attended and are yielding results from the invaluable information and inspiration received.

On October 9, 1945 the district committee on deaconess' work met in Lafayette. A report of the rural work was given by Miss Eva Crenshaw. Miss Janice Beck gave a summary of her five weeks work at S. L. I. Dr. Guy Hicks and Rev. Giles made statements of the fine work done by the former student worker Harold Hines. A subcommittee for this deaconess' work was organized, to meet quarterly. Mrs. J. J. Davidson, Jr. was made permanent chairman.

Monthly reports are received from Miss Crenshaw and Miss Beck. Their fine work surely must be among our very best investments in our missionary efforts. These young women deserve our appreciation and earnest prayers.

Our district president, Mrs. A. A. Gibson, of Sulphur, has called two district executive board meetings. Each being well attended and very helpful.

Mrs. Lonnie Clark.

REPORT OF MONROE DISTRICT—1946

The following report is very proudly and humbly submitted:

In many ways we improved, in spite of war and gas rationing. Two years ago we rezoned our District into ten small zones, instead of five. This method carried us over many rough spots, and many women and local societies were reached that could not have been

otherwise. During the year we held 36 zone meetings with record attendance and offerings. The District Secretary attended 30 meetings during the year, using various means of transportation.

With the help of fine, consecrated zone leaders, we met our war emergency, and this year we have gone back to five zones for the District. Very soon we are planning for a spend the day work day of Zone Leaders and the District President at the home of the District Secretary to plan our Zone Programs for the rest of the year.

Since the Organization of the District last May we have held two Executive Committee Meetings and will hold another next week, immediately following this Conference. The purpose of this meeting will be to complete the plans for our District Meeting, which will be held in Tallulah on April 4, 1946.

The District President and Secretary of Organization and Promotion have already met and planned a program.

During 1945 we gained 35 Adult Life Members, 21 Baby and one Junior, making a total of 57. We set as our goal 50. Already this year we have seven Adult and two Juniors.

In 1945 our pledge was \$5,025.00, and we paid \$6,987.34, about \$1,000.00 more than we paid in 1944.

There are ways in which we could improve in this District. Our reporting is not yet what we would like for it to be, and we should have many more Special Jurisdiction Study Classes.

Our Guilds are progressing. We gained some new ones last year, and lost a few.

There is an organization in every Charge, and one Church just waiting for me to come and organize a new society.

The Audit Committee has met with the District Treasurer, and have reported the records in splendid order.

The Organization has already proven a tremendous inspiration and help in the Monroe District. With the help of so many splendid officers, our District looks forward to a greater work.

Respectfully submitted,

Mrs. A. J. Ensminger,

District Secretary of Organization & Promotion.

REPORT OF NEW ORLEANS DISTRICT

Mrs. C. C. Hightower's resignation as District Secretary of Organization and Promotion of the New Orleans District was accepted with a keen sense of loss. The work is new to me, but I am enjoying both the work and the fellowship with the District.

A Wesleyan Service Guild was organized at Gretna, and one new society is in the process of organization. We also have Pearl River added to our District this year.

Officer's Training Day, held in New Orleans in January, was inspirational both in the numbers who attended and in the interest in the work. A District Meeting has been planned for April 11 at Houma, Louisiana.

More of our society members are using our literature, as shown by the increase in World Outlook and Methodist Woman subscriptions. There was also an increase in Secretaries of Youth, Children's Work and Spiritual Life.

We are urging each of our societies to have a Spiritual Life Group, for if we are to have the "Courage of Christ" in promoting our work for Him, we must truly seek it.

Mrs. Sam B. Dunbar, District Secretary.

REPORT OF RUSTON DISTRICT

Again as in 1944 we accepted the resignation of our District Secretary, Mrs. W. S. Row. Our loss was Centenary's gain as she

went to be a hostess in our church school in Shreveport. She has been missed but her work was so planned that it was easy for the Ruston District to have one of its most successful years.

Our record for 1945 was a good one. We had an increase in members, our pledge was overpaid, gave 43 Adult Special Memberships and 30 Baby Memberships, we also had an increase in subscriptions to the "Methodist Woman" and the "World Outlook."

A splendid District Organization was perfected in Ruston at the District meeting and Arcadia was hostess to the Educational Seminar in the fall.

The women of the District have been most co-operative and it has been a pleasure to work with them.

During the remainder of 1946 we hope to become 100% organized as a district so that indeed we may be "Heralds of Christ" and meet the requirements in the "Instruments of Peace" to become a much more effective organization for Christ than ever before.

Mrs. Stewart Deas, District Secretary.

REPORT OF SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Because of their desire to become intelligent servants, many women are spending a great amount of time in study. There were 1,071 enrolled in Study Classes in the Shreveport District during 1945, with 571 subscribing to the Methodist Woman and 542 to the World Outlook.

We have many women performing countless tasks in the local church because they like to use their hands. Others use their hands to perform tasks which reach out to serve the world, doing Red Cross sewing, folding bandages and gathering clothing for relief overseas. Women have used their hands to pack boxes of supplies for home and foreign institutions. Total supplies (cash and value) amounted to \$1,801.01 in 1945.

Our women have been using their hands to write letters to our congressmen, expressing their convictions concerning the peace to men and women in the armed services, to students away at school and to absentee church members working in other cities.

Through our increased giving we have put other hands to work in war away places. Shreveport District gave \$12,858.79 to missions last year, overpaying its pledge \$2,434.79.

Finally, we have another type of hands—praying hands, seeking strength for the many tasks which confront us. There are 31 Spiritual Life groups asking for guidance during these trying times.

Many Methodist women are dedicating their hands to God's service feeling as Kagawa did when he wrote:

"... a secret plan
Is hid in my hand;
... my hand is big,
Big,
Because of this plan
... God
Who dwells in my hand
Knows this secret plan
Of the things He would do for the world
Using my hands."

Mrs. Lee Tidwell,

District Secretary of Organization and Promotion

REPORT OF CONFERENCE SECRETARIES

1. Missionary Education and Science.
2. Christian Social Relations.
3. Literature and Publications.

4. Children's Work.
5. Youth's Work.
6. Student's Work.
7. Wesleyan Service Guild.
8. Supplies.
9. Spiritual Life.

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE—1945

The plans for Missionary Education are ever-expanding, demanding continual study, not only of books, but also of movements and ideologies. Because Missionary Education is, in a sense, world education, the Secretary of Missionary Education and Service has the responsibility of guiding her society into an understanding of a world, whose pattern changes rapidly and whose problems are difficult and manifold. The Missionary Enterprise has a definite relation to world order, and every person must be concerned about what is happening to every other person the world over. Thus the plans for Missionary Education take on even greater significance than in the past.

Signs of Progress

It is encouraging that progress has been made along many lines in this department. A new report blank, with many new questions added, provides a clearer picture of the work being done. A district organization—functioning only three quarters of 1945—played a vital part in the increases in the comparative statistical table below:

| | 1944 | 1945 |
|--|------|------|
| Average No. Societies reporting per quarter | 128 | 146 |
| No. Different Secretaries on Program Com. (New Question) | | 167 |
| No. Societies using prescribed Program Mat. (New Question) | | 158 |
| No. Secretaries on Finance Com. (New Question) | | 124 |
| No. of Different Study and Action Com. (New Question) | | 88 |
| No. Approved Study Classes | 442 | 508 |
| Members in Approved Classes | 7513 | 9662 |
| No. S. J. R. Classes | 50 | 61 |
| No. Informal Studies | 34 | 84 |
| No. Reading Circles | 50 | 70 |
| No. Libraries | 54 | 59 |
| Members participating in Education and Cultivation Agencies | 790 | 1512 |

In every case where there are comparative figures, there has been a gain. This achievement should spur us on to greater endeavor.

Study Topics

The Bible Study, "The Christian Faith and the Christian Way" and the study on "The American Indian" proved most popular in 1945. A few societies held exceptionally fine classes on "Christians and the New World Economy". "The Church Among Uprooted Americans" was recognized as a subject very "close to home", and practically all classes using this topic according to S. J. R. standards undertook some definite project as a result of the study.

Results of Study

Only classes which apply for S. J. R. report in any very definite way results of their study classes. It is difficult to discover how many efficiency classes actually plan for definite outgrowths from their studies, but is inevitable that attitudes are made more Christian and lives enriched through even the simplest type of study class.

However, the results reported have been most gratifying. They have ranged from more or less intangible—but none the less real—outcomes, such as changed attitudes and more interest in Bible reading to definite community projects, such as a community recreation program for young people. The study of “The American Indian” resulted in many gifts of money being sent to our work among the Indians, including our own Dulac Indians.

Seminars

The Educational Seminars, held each fall in each district, have grown into self-supporting agencies for the carrying forward of the Study and Action program throughout the Conference. The effort and time given by the team members and the district study and action committees, who make all local arrangements, are justified by the response of the societies both in point of attendance and in monetary support. In 1945, 120 societies sent 539 representatives to the seminars, and some 400 copies of the year’s program of study and action were sold.

Some Weaknesses

We can have justifiable pride in the successes of 1945, but it would not be realistic to report only the good. There are some weaknesses—some of them glaring—in the Missionary Education program of our Conference. The first of these is in reporting. In 1945, 188 different societies reported, but the average per quarter was only 146. Each quarter, approximately 100 societies do not report. There is no way for the Louisiana Conference to have any 100 per cent districts—districts which show some educational progress in each society—until we can hear from every society.

Our second glaring weakness is in the number of S. J. R. Classes. In 1945, there were 61 such classes. This is a very poor percentage for a conference that averages about 240 societies.

The function of committees on which the Secretaries of Missionary Education and Service serve, especially the Study and Action committee, needs clarifying and their values and purposes stressed and restressed.

Conclusion

A program of Study and Action is not a part of the work of the W. S. C. S. to give its members something to do. It is a vital part of a Christian experience, which is interested in all people everywhere and the conditions under which those people live. Until we see the importance of a growing world-mindedness among all Christians—even ourselves—we shall continue to drift in a stream of paralyzing indifference, while the world moves on without our influence—and perhaps without our Christ, whom it is our privilege to represent.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. G. W. DAMERON

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF MISSIONARY EDUCATION AND SERVICE

1. That the Standing Committee on Study and Action in each Society make and submit to the society plans for a year’s program of study and action.

a. That this program include the following approved study themes for 1946-47.

1. The Christian and Race
2. India
3. The Stewardship of Life

4. Alcohol Education
2. That local and district secretaries of Missionary Education and Service cultivate toward a realization of the following goals:
 - a. Some Educational progress in each local society.
 - b. Effective presentation of monthly programs using prescribed program materials.
 - c. Increased use of The World Outlook, The Methodist Woman, and other Church publications.
 - d. Continued increase in approved study courses until a goal of four is reached.
 - e. At least one Special Jurisdiction Recognition class in each society.
3. That local and district Secretaries of Missionary Education and Services place special emphasis this year on the efficient functioning of program, finance, and study and action committees.
4. Wherever possible, local and district secretaries encourage the use of all available missionaries for all age groups.
5. That local secretaries find ways to acquaint their societies with the work of all institutions under the Home Department located within the borders of the Conference.
6. That we cultivate toward more effective leadership by:
 - a. Educational seminars in each district.
 - b. Local and district societies providing funds for sending their respective secretaries of missionary education and service to the Pastor's School and Conference for Christian Workers, Shreveport, La., June 10-15, 1946.
7. That local and district secretaries cooperate in every possible way in the launching and carrying forward of the Stewardship year in the Crusade for Christ.

CHRISTIAN SOCIAL RELATIONS AND LOCAL CHURCH

ACTIVITIES

In writing of 1945 historians will say it was the year that World War II ended and the beginning of the Atomic Age. The world is seldom ready for great events and for the two major events of this year we were ill prepared. Most of our work has been in trying to help people to meet the needs of the demobilization period and the post-war world. The areas of interest which have received special attention have been "The Family" and "World Order". The following is a summary of some of the work promoted this year:

Demobilization Workshop

The first three months of this year were given to the Demobilization Workshop held in New Orleans. This was an experiment in interracial planning and proved most satisfactory. A detailed report of this meeting has already been made.

Study Program

As a member of the Conference Study and Action Committee we planned a year's program of study and action designed to help women understand some of our major needs. The recommended studies of "Missions in Southeast Asia", "Christians and the New World Economy", and "The American Indian" helped us face many of our social problems of this new age. Informal studies on "Economic Relations", "Youth Protection", and "The United Nations Charter" provided study and action in these areas.

Legislation

There is an increasing awareness within the church of the importance of keeping informed on pending legislation not only in our own State but in Congress. Through the Department of Christian Social Relations has come timely information on pending bills and their social implications. This information has been channelled to the local societies who in turn have written their congressmen. Early this year we joined the Louisiana Legislative Council to affiliate ourselves with more than twenty state-wide organizations who are interested in promoting better social legislation. Delegates from this society have attended all sessions of the Council and our organization is "chairing" the legislative council project on "Juvenile Institutions." One of our major emphasis of 1946 is a program of proposed legislation for the spring session of the State Legislature.

Representative Paul W. Shafer (R.-Mich.) was quoted by the Associated Press, February 16 as saying that America's Women's Clubs are "important cogs" in the New Deal's propaganda machine. When ever the administration desires to 'put over' any highly controversial legislation," Shafer said, "Forty or fifty members of the committee of women in world affairs are summoned, entertained, and instructed. A few days later letters demanding support of the Administration's proposal pours over the desks of congressmen." Whether we agree with Mr. Shafer or not, we must admit that this is an indication of the increasing importance of the influence of women's groups. As one of the largest women's organizations in America The Woman's Society of Christian Service must bring its influence of public opinion to bear where it will do the greatest good.

Activities of Local Societies Growing

There has been increased interest and activity in the program of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in the local churches of the Conference. Interracial cooperation has increased, parsonages and churches have been cared for and money paid on building programs. Countless hours of work have been given to Red Cross, USO, Community Centers, and other agencies in Community Cooperation. School Lunch programs have been sponsored. Returning Service Personnel have been welcomed and help has been given to their families. In First Methodist Church, Monroe, Louisiana, a committee on Christian Social Relations with a number of sub-committees meets quarterly in a luncheon meeting to hear reports and plan the work for another quarter.

District Secretaries

With the District Organizations and the election of District Secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities has come an increased interest in the work. Reporting is better and where the Secretary has cultivated the District the reports show greatly improved work. The Conference Secretary is grateful for the fine help of these women.

Conference Secretary

As your Conference Secretary this year it was my privilege to attend (1) The Annual meeting of the Woman's Division and serve on the resource committee of Local Church and Community Cooperation, three district meetings and several Officer's Training Days, seven zone meetings, a number of sessions of the Legislative Council and sub-committee meetings, the School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah, the fall meeting of the executive committee and four Educational Seminars. I taught a course on "America's People" at the State Youth

Assembly and one on "World Order" at the "Ruston-Shreveport" Youth Camp. I have sent quarterly letters to local secretaries and Conference Officers, helped edit the Advocate Page and have written articles for the "Conference News" and "The Methodist Woman."

Respectfully submitted,
MRS. G. W. POMEROY, Conference Secretary

FINANCIAL REPORT — 1945

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| Budgeted | \$ 300.00 |
| From 1944 | 220.02 |
| TOTAL | \$ 520.00 |
| Disbursements | |
| Workshop | \$ 127.57 |
| Legislative Council Dues | 31.00 |
| Conscientious Objectors Fund | 100.00 |
| Expense of Meetings of Legislative Council | 75.27 |
| Postage | 54.14 |
| Telephone Calls | 6.26 |
| Paper, stencils, typing, etc. | 83.08 |
| Federal Council, Board of Education Woman's Action Committee, etc. | 25.75 |
| Bank Charges | 1.12 |
| TOTAL | \$ 504.19 |
| Balance | \$15.83 |

RECOMMENDATIONS

Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities

The theme of 1946 is "Moulding Public Opinion Toward Building a World Mind", with special emphasis on "The Church's Ministry to the Family" and "Working for World Order." In order to implement the "Activities for 1946" as suggested by the Department of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, we recommend the following to be included in a program of action for the Louisiana Conference:

1. That a woman from Louisiana be sent to the National Seminar on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities at De Paul University, Greencastle, Indiana, July 3-17 with the program emphasis on "Rural Community Living and Changing Social Frontiers" and that we apply for a subsidy to help on this expense.
2. That we recommend the following topics for Informal Studies for the Study Year 1946-47:

1. A study of Civil Rights Laws.
 2. Health and Housing.
 3. International Relations and World Order.
 - (a) Our relations with Russia.
 - (b) The United Nations Organization.
 - (c) Atomic Energy and a New World.
 4. The Church and Industrial Relations with emphasis on labor-management and the Church.
 5. Educational Opportunities for Negroes in Louisiana and my community.
 7. The Social Creed of the Methodist Church.
3. That we actively support our Conference program of State and National Legislation, presenting all bills of social significance to the local society. Help will be sent to each society every two months.
 4. That we work for alcohol education in the following ways:
 - (a) Promoting the liquor ad crusade by writing to the Liquor

Ad Crusade, P. O. Box 44, Rollo, Mo., for bulletins and stickers. Cost of bulletins 50c per hundred, stickers 25c per thousand, and urging local women to use these stickers.

- (b) That we write the national Broadcasting companies whose names and addresses are listed on the Guild page of the March, 1946, issue of the METHODIST WOMAN our protest against having liquor advertising on the radio.
- (e) That every society take the approved study for 1947 on alcohol education and make use of resource people in this area. Rev. Henry Rickey of Bogalusa, who attended the Yale School of Alcohol Studies in 1945, and Rev. A. C. Lawton of the Louisiana Civic and Moral Foundation, are both recommended.
- (d) That we promote a program of alcohol education throughout our Junior and Senior High School grades if possible in cooperation with the State P.-T. A. by:
 - (1) the showing of films on this subject.
 - (2) by sponsoring an essay contest on a subject related to this problem, details to be worked out later.

5. That we cooperate in or initiate plans for Christian Family Week, May 5-12. The address is in the March issue of the Church School magazine. And to promote the use of the service of dedication of homes from the Book of Worship of The Methodist Church in all Methodist homes and particularly those of returning servicemen and those establishing new homes.

6. That we ask Rev. E. B. Emmerich, Louisiana Conference Executive Secretary, to use the inclusion of courses on "Preparation for Marriage," "Family Life," and "Parenthood" in Youth Camps and Assemblies and local church training schools.

7. That we emphasize cooperation with other organizations and agencies who work along similar lines.

8. That we urge local societies to collect Octagon coupons to be sent to The Memorial Mercy Home, 815 Washington St., New Orleans, La.

9. That every local society distribute printed copies of the Social Creed of the Methodist Church to the morning and evening congregations on Labor Day Sunday, to be secured free from the Commission on World Peace, 740 Rust St., Chicago 11, Ill.

10. That in line with the action taken by the Woman's Division of Christian Service and the Commission on World Peace of the Methodist Church, we go on record as being in favor of the Martin-Hoey resolution for international agreement for the abolition of peacetime compulsory military training and that we write our representatives and the Hon. Rep. Joseph H. Martin our favoring House Resolution 325.

11. That we go on record as favoring the opening of the mails to Korea and Japan so that letters and parcels may be sent to these countries.

12. That we take as our goal for 1946, every Methodist woman a registered voter.

13. That we write President Truman our approval of the program of food conservation and our willingness to participate in a plan of rationing to help feed the peoples of the world.

14. That we continue our membership in the Legislative Council and nominate the following as delegates: Mrs. J. H. Fairchild, Mrs. G. W. Pomeroy; alternates, Mrs. Glenn Nordyke, Mrs. Miles McPeck; observer, Mrs. Glen Laskey.

15. That major emphasis be given to Stewardship, the next phase of the Crusade for Christ. Someone has said, "We pay an awful price for poor stewardship in the political and social life of the community, the state, and the nation. Let this be a challenge to us to make the most of the year of stewardship."

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF LITERATURE AND PUBLICATIONS

Our literature during the past few months has been developing in scope, color and pace. Every need of every officer and member seems to have been anticipated by the Department of Literature and Publications. The information and tools for officers, the range and volume of Field literature, the Program material, etc., are making our members increasingly conscious of the broad and far reaching program of the Woman's Division.

It is good to note that this literature is being used more and more. The quarterly reports show almost every society using the regular program material, and that almost all societies use the **World Outlook** and **The Methodist Woman** as supplementary material. Many societies are making use of the leaflets and other helps in both business and circle meetings. This is perhaps due to the fact that in an increasing number of societies, the secretaries of Literature and Publications are serving as active members of the program committee.

Our goal "Every Officer A Subscriber to **The Methodist Woman** and **World Outlook**" was reached by twenty-two societies. But the number of subscriptions show that we have not made great strides in securing more readers for our two magazines. The largest report during the year showed 1724 subscriptions to **The Methodist Woman** and 1475 to the **World Outlook**.

"The Conference News" was published twice during 1945, in the form of a "Mt. Sequoyah Special" during the third quarter, and a special edition for new officers during the latter part of the fourth quarter.

During the year 1525 pieces of literature, exclusive of quarterly letters, were mailed to the societies. This included "Week of Prayer" material, Program material and the "Conference News". The cost for mailing this literature, plus promotional expenses, is shown below:

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| Mailing of "The Conference News" | \$15.90 |
| Disbursed for extra copies of "The Conference News" | 8.53 |
| Mailing "Week of Prayer" material | 9.00 |
| Mailing Program Material | 18.00 |
| Quarterly letters (mimeographing, paper, stamped envelopes) | 21.10 |
| Miscellaneous (stamps, envelopes, promotional literature, etc.) | 10.00 |
| Long Distance Calls for District Meetings | 20.44 |
| TOTAL | \$102.97 |

During 1946, may we as secretaries of Literature and Publications sincerely strive to make our literature a vital and living force in our societies.

MRS. J. J. DAVIDSON, Jr.

RECOMMENDATIONS

Literature and Publications

The committee on Literature and Publications wishes to submit the following recommendations:

1. That we continue to stress subscriptions to our two magazines with our goal "Every Officer a Subscriber and Reader of Both Magazines."
2. That to create interest in our magazines, a year's subscription to **The Methodist Woman** be given to new members, to be paid for from cultivation funds of local societies.
3. That wherever feasible the local society purchase an extra re-

port book, blanks from which to be given each officer for reference and tabulation of accomplishments and also as a reminder of quarterly reports.

4. That we become 100 per cent in prompt and accurate reports.

5. That the Secretary of Literature and Publications shall strive to grasp the importance of her position as an ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

6. That she study the literature issued by the Woman's Division and inform herself about the several lines of work and the value and availability of the literature provided for their promotion.

7. That the Secretary of Literature and Publications present the CONFERENCE NEWS to the society at the meeting following its publication.

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF CHILDREN'S WORK

Leaders of children's groups, the past year in the Methodist church have been working with boys and girls so that they might have experiences that would help bring about a gradual growth of creative love throughout the earth. To the extent that this has been done, children's workers have been engaged in laying foundations for the building of a peaceful, friendly world that will be eternal.

During the study of the missionary units in the Group Graded and the Closely Graded Church School literature, as well as units used in the Vacation Church School, children have been prompted to share. Below are listed many of the ways in which children practiced friendliness:

1. Money was sent to help rebuild homes, schools and churches in Southeast Asia which war destroyed.

2. Many children sent "Togs in a Towel" to help clothe the children of Europe.

3. Books were sent to American Indian children in New Mexico, Oklahoma and Texas.

4. Supplies were sent to Houma, St. Marks and Sagar-Brown.

5. Medical supplies are to be bought for hospitals in Africa with gifts of money sent for that purpose.

6. Christmas boxes were sent to Europe and the Philippines during the Holiday season.

7. Christmas carols of different countries were learned.

8. Boxes were sent to the Ruston Orphanage.

9. Gifts were made to Negro churches.

10. Games of different countries were played by the children and shared with other groups.

11. Missionary programs for the Fourth Sunday were prepared by the children.

12. Thanksgiving was a season of friendly sharing.

The children gave at additional sessions \$158.31.

For cash supplies for missionary work \$375.95 was given.

The estimated value of gifts of supplies sent by the children is \$186.75.

103 churches of the Conference send reports.

5382 primary and junior children are enrolled in the study of the missionary units.

The days ahead present a challenge to the Christian Church. Someone very near to humanity's suffering wrote these arresting words—"Year after year the gradual growth of creative love overcomes the rapid ruin and violence of destructive hate. It is inevitable 'The winter cannot endure'".

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. ED CONGER

CHILDREN'S WORK

Recommendations for 1946

Considering the needs of children today, and the opportunity to meet those needs that the program of the church provides, we recommend the following emphasis for 1946:

1. Full cooperation by the local Woman's Society of Christian Service with the Church's program for the Christian education of children.
 - a. The election of a capable secretary of children's work.
 - b. Service by the secretary as a teacher on the Sunday morning sessions of the Church School, in additional sessions, or both.
 - c. Regular reports on children's work by the secretary to the Woman's Society.
2. Careful promotion of the Church's plan for the missionary education of children.
 - a. Through preparation for the teaching of missionary units in both the Sunday morning and some form of additional session in the Church School, using the literature made available by the Methodist Church.
 - b. Offerings of children in additional sessions (now known as "Children's Service Fund") sent to World Service and to the Woman's Division as called for by the plan of the Church.
3. Formation of study groups for parents on the opportunities of Christian family life.
4. Promotion of the current emphasis of the Crusade for Christ as they relate to children.
5. Increasing participation in the plans of Community agencies for the well-being of children.
 - a. Working with the Council of Children's Workers and the Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities.
6. Earnest effort through the channels of the Church to minister to the needs of children in the countries devastated by war.

ANNUAL REPORT OF SECRETARY OF YOUTH WORK

During this past year steady progress has been noted along all lines of Youth Work. There has been an increase in the organization of World Friendship Commissions, Joint Committees functioning, special Interest Groups organized for study. More young people are participating in Schools of Missions in local churches and taking part in Summer Camps and Youth Rallies. We feel that much interest in the Missionary Enterprise was created through these agencies, the results of which will be seen in the months and years to come. Greater interest in Missions was shown through contributions to Methodist Youth Fund, sending Overseas Boxes with friendly notes enclosed, thus doing their part to spread World Friendship.

Duties of Local Secretary of Youth Work

The Secretary of Youth Work of the Woman's Society works with two other people, a representative of the Board of Education and a representative of the Board of Missions. These three form a Joint Committee whose sole duty is to promote missionary education of the Youth of the Church. To fulfill her duties,

- (1) The Youth Secretary represents the Woman's Society on the Joint Committee in the developing of missionary studies and activities.
- (2) She will serve, if invited by the Young People and appointed by the Joint Committee, as the adult adviser to the Commission on Missions and World Friendship.
- (3) She will be a resource person for the World Friendship

Commission.

(4) She will serve as a Resource person for Intermediates when Missionary units are being planned.

(5) Promote the Methodist Youth Fund.

(6) She will report to Woman's Society, at least quarterly, of the activities within the Commission on Missions and World Friendship.

(7) She will promote organization of Interest Groups.

(a) Special Interest Groups composed of both boys and girls who will use material recommended for study.

(b) Girls Interest Groups who will meet regularly to study the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service through programs especially prepared for that group.

To prepare ourselves for the task that lies ahead as Youth leaders the following materials are recommended for study.

1. Duties of Secretary of Youth Work:

See The Guide—P. 23-25.

2. The following leaflet (free).

(a) "A Unified Program for the Missionary Education of Methodist Youth" (No. 2048-B).

(b) "Missionary Materials for Youth" 1945-46 (No. 2125-B).

(c) "Money on the March" a new leaflet dealing with the channelling of Methodist Youth Fund.

These may be ordered from Youth Department, 810 Broadway, Nashville 2, Tennessee.

New Materials:

Youth Program 1945-46 (45c)

"Crusaders for Tomorrow's World", contains monthly programs and Worship Services for Girls Interest Groups. Order from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Highroad and Workshop are very helpful—Highroad \$1.25 a year, Workshop 75c a year. Order from Methodist Publish House, Dallas, Texas.

"The Methodist Woman" and "World Outlook", our two periodicals are invaluable sources of missionary materials.

Statistical Report of Youth Work—1945

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| 1. Commissions on World Friendship Organized | 31 |
| 2. Joint Committees Functioning | 19 |
| 3. Adult Advisers to Commission on World Friendship | 23 |
| 4. Number of Special Interest Groups | 21 |
| 5. Young people participating in Schools of Missions (for year) | 32 |
| 6. Interest Groups of Girls and Young Women | 14 |
| 7. Using Programs especially prepared for Interest Groups | 14 |
| 8. Methodist Youth Fund—1945 | \$923.58 |

Institutions and Projects of the Woman's Division to Which

Supplies Were Sent

McDonnel French Mission School, Houma, Louisiana.

Overseas Relief (Clothing).

Supplies for Daily Vacation School, Community Center, San Antonio, Texas.

China War Relief.

Overseas Boxes (Christmas Package Project).

Dulac Indian Mission (near Houma, Louisiana).

St. Marks Community Center, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Money sent to camp (for repairs).

Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Recommendations for Youth Work—1946

1. The immediate appointment of an Active Secretary of Youth Work in each local Society.
2. A functioning Joint Committee in every local church.
3. The presentation of the needs for additional missionary personnel in all meetings of Youth.

MRS. E. A. SARTOR, Secretary of Youth Work

1945 REPORT

CONFERENCE SECRETARY OF STUDENT WORK

The year 1945, with its history of world-shaking events, has brought new and challenging responsibilities to the Student Secretaries. There has grown a greater concern for the Christian development of our students. It has been a privilege to know and appreciate the work of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and to present that work to the students, and likewise, it has been a privilege to know and appreciate the work of the Students and to present that work to the women.

Our first responsibility is an unfailing interest in all young people who are of student age; those in college, those in the service of their country, and those in work away from home. To make all young people, when they have been contacted through our work, Church Conscious.

Student Secretaries have striven to accomplish this main objective by maintaining contact with countless boys and girls in college and in service at home and abroad. Innumerable letters have been written, special days remembered with cards and gifts, church bulletins and devotional material have been sent.

Numbers of Secretaries have served on demobilization committees. Returning service personnel have been recognized by special suppers or social affairs. They have urged young people to continue their education.

Those Secretaries near campuses have cooperated with local pastors and Directors of Wesley Foundation to help provide the physical needs of the Student Religious Centers, literature, devotional materials and church magazines. They have assisted with weekly social activities and student sponsored projects and programs in a fine way. Outstanding speakers have been brought to campuses for Religious Emphasis Week and other special occasions.

The proper use of the Student Introductory Card has been very valuable to the campus workers. It is sent in by local secretaries and used to acquaint the workers with the students and make them feel more at ease in his new environment.

Many Secretaries report the observance of "Student Recognition Day", the last Sunday in December. This worth while occasion has become a permanent part of our Church program.

Miss Faye Barr at Louisiana Tech, Ruston, Miss Lucille Pierce, Northwestern, Natchitoches, Miss Janice Beck, Southwestern, Lafayette, are to be commended for the fine work being done at our three state colleges with students.

Workers with students may determine the destiny of the world's future by guiding young people. If there was no other opportunity open to us, if this work was the only program of work of our Society, all of us might well devote our time, attention, love, prayers and means to the accomplishment of this work alone.

We, the Planning Committee of Student Work, recommend:

1. That every Woman's Society on Christian Service elect a Student Secretary of good ability and interested in young people to give them sympathetic guidance.

2. That all Student Secretaries be urged to plan with pastors and student directors so that our Methodist Student Program may be properly integrated and carried onward cooperatively.

a. Student Introductory Grads be sent to campus church by every church having young people of student age.

3. That we suggest the cooperation of the local churches of our conference in the plan now being used in five of our Annual Conferences known as the "Five Dollar Plan", which seeks to have the local church send five dollars for each student from its congregation to the college involved to be used for religious work with students.

4. That special attention be paid to the rapidly increasing number of foreign students in our midst.

5. That students be given places on our programs to tell us of conferences and projects of special interest to them.

6. That we continue a Jurisdictional-wide effort to find and inspire qualified young people to answer the call of Christ and His Church for full-time Christian Service.

7. That we cooperate wherever possible in projects for the rehabilitation of service personnel.

8. That we invite the Methodist to visit Religious Centers on Campuses so they may become acquainted with the surroundings, the work and individual students.

9. That Student Directors on college campuses be permitted to visit the Wesley Foundation of the state to study the program and exchange ideas.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. LAMAR C. AYCOCK, Conference Student Secretary

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY OF THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

Guild work in the Louisiana Conference has continued to grow during the past year. We now have fifty-seven organized units in the state.

During the past summer District Guild meetings were held in the Shreveport, New Orleans, Monroe, Baton Rouge and Lake Charles Districts. The Conference Guild Secretary attended each of these meetings, and members of the Conference Executive Committee of the Woman's Society were our guest speakers. A District Guild Secretary was elected at each of these meetings. The Alexandria and Ruston Districts were unable to schedule meetings but a secretary for each of these Districts was elected by mail during the fall and winter.

On February 16th and 17th a meeting of the Conference Guild Committee was held in First Methodist Church, Alexandria with the Conference Guild Secretary and the seven District Secretaries. Mrs. J. B. Pollard attended two sessions and brought an inspirational message to the group on Saturday evening.

The Committee re-elected the Conference Guild Secretary, subject to the approval of the Woman's Society, and nominated Miss Mary Margaret Watts as Guild delegate to Assembly with Miss Grace Lawson as alternate.

We need the continued support and cooperation of the Woman's Society so that we may continue to reach the "gainfully employed women" of our Conference.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. LAWSON, Conf. G. Sec.

CONFERENCE GUILD COMMITTEE

Miss Grace M. Lawson Welsh, Louisiana
Miss Cleo Brasher, Route 1 Alexandria, Louisiana

Miss Mary Margaret Watts _____ Franklinton, Louisiana
 Miss Helen Adams, P. O. Box 839 _____ Lake Charles, Louisiana
 Miss Myrtle Johnson, 406 Mill St. _____ West Monroe, Louisiana
 Miss Margaret Harris, Metairie Park, Country Day
 School _____ New Orleans, Louisiana
 Miss Vera Winfree _____ Ruston, Louisiana
 Mrs. R. W. Smith, 2417 James St. _____ Shreveport, Louisiana
 Mrs. A. J. Ensminger _____ Wisner, Louisiana
 Mrs. Lee Tidwell, 655 Robinson Place _____ Shreveport, Louisiana
 Mrs. S. J. Fairchild, 620 Ninth St. _____ Baton Rouge, Louisiana

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Miss Grace Lawson, Executive Secretary, Welsh, Louisiana.

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Miss Mary M. Watts, Secretary, Box 206, Franklinton, Louisiana.

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Miss Helen Adams, Box 839, Lake Charles, Louisiana.

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Miss Myrtle Johnson, Secretary, 406 Mill Street, West Monroe, Louisiana.

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Miss Margaret Harris, Secretary, Metairie Park Country Day School, New Orleans 20, Louisiana.

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Mrs. W. F. Manning, Jr., President, Ruston, Louisiana.

Miss Vera Winfree, Secretary, Ruston, Louisiana.

Shreveport District

Mrs. W. A. Barnwell, President, 111 Archer Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mrs. R. W. Smith, Secretary, 2417 James Street, Shreveport, Louisiana.

MINUTES

**LOUISIANA CONFERENCE
WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD
ALEXANDRIA, LOUISIANA**

Opening session was held in the Emma Owen Classroom of the First Methodist Church. Meeting was called to order by Miss Grace Lawson, Conference Secretary, with all seven of the District Guild Secretaries present.

Mrs. R. W. Smith led the devotional which she based on the 1946 theme, "Peace Through His Cross".

In order for the District Secretaries to visualize their position in the Women's organization of the Methodist Church, Miss Lawson outlined the organizational set up of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild from the Division down through the Districts.

Since this was the first meeting of the Conference Guild Committee, the duties of the District Secretaries were outlined and discussed.

Miss Lawson had on hand an ample supply of the various forms used in the local Guilds and by District and Conference Secretaries in making semi-annual reports. These forms were examined and discussed in detail. Explanation was made by the Conference Secretary that she would furnish the District Secretaries with forms on which to make their reports, and that they (District Secretaries) should instruct the Corresponding Secretary in each local Guild to order their reporting forms from Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum Street, Cincinnati 2, Ohio.

Cultivation Fund was briefly discussed, and it was agreed that a more detailed discussion would be held at a later session.

Since Miss Lawson's term as Conference Guild Secretary will expire on March 19, 1946, ballots were received from each of the District Secretaries present. The results of the balloting to be announced at a later meeting.

Session adjourned.

EVENING SESSION

At 7:00 P. M. on Saturday, a beautifully appointed dinner was served by the Alexandria Wesleyan Service Guild. Dr. B. C. Taylor, of the First Methodist Church in Alexandria, gave the invocation. Miss Marion Winn, President of the Alexandria Guild, acted as mistress of ceremony, and the guests introduced themselves. Present besides the Conference Committee were: Mrs. J. B. Pollard, President of the Woman's Society of Christian Service of the Louisiana Conference; Dr. and Mrs. B. C. Taylor; Mrs. G. W. Harbuck, wife of Rev. G. W. Harbuck, pastor of Trinity Methodist Church in Alexandria, Louisiana; Miss Maude Brownlee, President of West Monroe Wesleyan Service Guild, and members of the Alexandria Guild.

Following this delightful courtesy, the Committee reassembled in the Emma Owen Classroom. Session opened with a prayer led by Miss Grace Lawson.

Mrs. J. B. Pollard was introduced and addressed the group, using as her topic, "The All Important Business of Being A Christian in 1946". It was a most inspiring message, filled with enthusiasm. In closing she brought out these facts:

1. We face a humanity that is too precious to neglect.
2. We know a remedy for the ills of the world that is too wonderful to withhold.

3. We have a Christ that is too glorious to hide.
4. We have an adventure that is too thrilling to miss.

Mrs. Pollard announced that Miss Grace Lawson had been re-elected to serve as Conference Guild Secretary. This election to be confirmed by the Executive Committee of the Woman's Society of Christian Service at their meeting in March, 1946.

In the way of news items, Mrs. Pollard announced dates and tentative programs of the following meetings:

1. Woman's Society of Christian Service Conference to be held in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, March 19-21, 1946.
2. Assembly in Columbus, Ohio, April 27 to May 2, 1946.
3. Pastors' School at Centenary College in Shreveport, Louisiana, in June, 1946.

Miss Lawson listed materials available from the Guild Office and Literature Headquarters as follows:

GUILD OFFICE—Bibliography, 10c copy; Leaflets, free; Worship Service explaining the Guild emblem, "The Flag, The Torch, The Cross", 10 copies free; Worship Service, "Ceremony of Lights", free.

LITERATURE HEADQUARTERS—Handbook, 10c copy; Program Packet, "Peace Thru His Cross", including Program Book and Worship Services, 45c each; Leaflets, any number free, Guild Constitution, What is Wesleyan Service Guild? A Service Front for Employed Women.

Meeting adjourned.

SUNDAY MORNING

The session opened with a discussion of the relationship of the Woman's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild in the local Church. It is recommended that where possible Guild members, who are no longer employed, be encouraged to join the W. S. C. S., and where the need exists night circles of the W. S. C. S. be organized.

It was agreed that the District Secretaries would urge each local unit of the Wesleyan Service Guild to collect a Cultivation fee of 25c per member, 10c of which will be sent to the Conference Treasurer through local and district treasurers of the W. S. C. S.

In answer to many inquiries regarding the procedure to follow in conducting a District Meeting, the following outline was suggested for an afternoon or evening meeting:

Registration, Hymn, Prayer, Introduction of Guests, Roll Call and Reports of Units, Business, Guest Speaker, Forum, Devotional, Fellowship.

Miss Mary Margaret Watts was elected as Conference Guild delegate to Assembly in Columbus, Ohio. Miss Lawson was elected alternate delegate.

Any local Guild wishing to receive special Jurisdictional recognition for study classes should write to Mrs. G. W. Dameron, 1125 Eleonore Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, for an application blank.

The meeting adjourned and the group attended the eleven o'clock worship service of the First Methodist Church.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN ADAMS, Secretary, Pro-tem

REPORT OF SECRETARY OF SUPPLY WORK

Supply Work is the "over and above gift"—our Love's Second Mile Giving.

Supplies Sent to Home Mission Institutions and Projects

Value of gifts, cash and new supplies plus postage:

| | WSGS | WSG | Youth | Children |
|---|------------|----------|-------|----------|
| MacDonell French Mission School and Wesley House | \$4,159.02 | \$ 76.00 | | \$ 33.65 |

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| Business Girl's Inn | 93.16 | | | |
| Undirected Home Missions | 32.86 | 16.50 | 22.40 | 157.16 |
| St. Mark's Com. Center | 1,955.97 | 38.10 | | |
| Scarritt College | 72.00 | | | |
| Sagar-Brown School and Home | 225.00 | | | |
| Peck Hall | 40.00 | | | |
| Dulac Indians | 1,368.77 | 5.00 | | 7.50 |
| Navajo Indians | 50.00 | | | |
| Migrant Work | 45.00 | 25.00 | | |
| Peoples Community Center, N. O. | 104.30 | | | |
| Brewster Hospital | | 3.00 | | |
| Esther Hall | | 3.00 | | |

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| | \$8,146.52 | \$ 171.60 | \$ 22.40 | \$ 198.31 |
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Foreign Supply Projects: cash plus value of Christmas Packages:

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| China | \$ 841.0 | \$ 48.00 |
| India | 65.04 | 5.00 |
| Philippines | 118.25 | 16.50 |
| Sacrificial Offering | 1,616.71 | |
| Africa | 116.82 | 3.00 |
| South America (Brazil) | 100.00 | 5.00 |

\$2,858.62

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| Argentina | 5.00 |
| Ewha College | 5.00 |
| Mexico | 5.00 |
| International Journal | 12.50 |

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| | \$ 105.00 | |
| Christmas Packages value | \$1,187.07 | 50.00 |

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| Total Supply Work | \$12,192.15 | \$ 307.10 | \$ 22.40 | \$ 248.31 |
| Grand Total—WSCS, WSG, Youth, Children | | | | \$12,769.96 |

Direction For Supplies for 1946 by Districts

MacDonell French Mission School and Wesley House and Dulac—Box 270, Houma, Louisiana.

Alexandria, second and fourth quarters; New Orleans, second and fourth quarters; Baton Rouge, first and fourth quarters; Ruston, first and fourth quarters; Lake Charles, first and second quarters; Shreveport, first, second and fourth quarters; Monroe, first and second quarters.

St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Alexandria, first quarter; New Orleans, first and third quarters; Baton Rouge, second quarter; Ruston, second quarter; Lake Charles, fourth quarter; Shreveport, third quarter; Monroe, fourth quarter.

Send to one of the following:

Holding Institute, Box 269, Laredo, Texas.

Methodist Sanatorium, Central Ave., Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Peck Hall, 5323 Pitt St., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Peoples Community Center, 2009 Loyola St., New Orleans, La.

Alexandria, third quarter; New Orleans, third and fourth quarters; Baton Rouge, second and third quarters; Ruston, second and third quarters; Lake Charles, third and fourth quarters; Shreveport, second and fourth quarters; Monroe, second and third quarters.

Shreveport District, please send something each quarter to Business Girl's Inn, 412 Fannin St., Shreveport, Louisiana.

1946 RECOMMENDATIONS

We recommend:

1. That Districts be given recognition from the Jurisdiction when attaining one or more of the following goals:
 - a. Some Supply Work done in every Society during the year.
 - b. Some Home and some Foreign Supply Work done in every Society during the year.
 - c. Reporting 100 per cent every quarter, reports to be mailed by the first of the month following the end of every quarter.
2. That Societies participate in Supply Projects recommended by the Division and requested through the regular Supply channels of District and Conference.
3. That every Local Society have a direct personal share in Supply Work by contributing cash supplies for Business Girl's Inn, 412 Fannin St., Shreveport; Holding Institute, Box 269, Laredo, Texas; Methodist Sanatorium, Central Ave., Albuquerque, New Mexico; MacDonell French Mission School and Wesley House, Houma, La.; St. Mark's Community Center, 1130 N. Rampart St., New Orleans 16, La.; Peoples Community Center, 2009 Loyola St., New Orleans; Peck Hall, 5323 Pitt St., New Orleans.
4. That every Local Secretary of Supply Work present information to her Society at least once each quarter, and that she share this material with the Guild, and Secretaries of Youth and Children's Work in helping promote Supply Work.
5. That Societies continue to send boxes of wearing apparel, food, school or medical supplies to these Institutions, reporting the number of second hand articles, and placing valuation only upon new goods plus postage and express.
6. That every Local Supply Secretary have a Supply Book Shelf containing instruction leaflet on Supply Work, Conference Minutes, Annual Report of WDCS, Methodist Woman, World Outlook, "Do You Know-Makers of the USA", Handbook on Finance, Wesleyan Service Guild Handbook, Supply O Gram, Louisiana Woman's Page of New Orleans Christian Advocate, Conference News, Letters from District and Conference Secretary of Supplies.
7. That special effort be made to report all Supply Work by Children, Youth and Wesleyan Service Guild as well as by the Woman's Society.
8. That Societies wishing to send ministerial supplies please contact District or Conference Supply Secretary. Only emergencies will be assigned.
9. That Societies order free Shipment of Goods Blanks for Supply Work from the Literature Headquarters, 420 Plum St., Cincinnati 2, Ohio, and enclose one of these properly filled out in each Supply Box.
10. That during the Second Quarter, each Local Secretary of Supply Work present the Foreign Supply Projects assigned to the Louisiana Conference: \$600.00 to furnish buildings in Africa which were built by "Week of Prayer"; also \$800.00 for Philippines Medical and School needs.

REPORT OF SPIRITUAL LIFE

So long we have cried out: "Cure Thy childrens' warring madness", and the year just passed we have seen our prayer answered in that Peace was declared on paper—now we must declare it in our hearts and lives. To do this we must be sincere when we continue the words of the song, "Bend our pride to Thy control—Shame our wanton selfish gladness—Rich in things and poor in soul" and realize that this is the thing that must be the desire of our lives. "Grant us

wisdom—Grant us courage, Lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.

We, as members of the Woman's Society of Christian Service have our spiritual goal set for us—"The Crusade of Evangelism".

It is our privilege and responsibility.

The fine work done by the District Spiritual Life Secretaries has been keenly felt, and reports came in better, but we have about fifty Societies that have no active Spiritual Life group.

As we have said over and over, it is hard to report the results of Spiritual Life work. Many times, "hearts are strangely warmed", and we find it hard to put on paper, but PLEASE fill out the blank as best you can and have a part in the permanent record.

Special days of worship have been observed and we feel will have more interest and effect during this "Year of Evangelism."

The greatest insurance for the permanent success of any undertaking is first to drench it in silence, then bless it with prayer.

WE MUST BE A PRAYING GROUP. May God give us once again that Holy Expectancy as we use the chorus of the Evangelistic hymn for our daily prayer:

Courage of Christ descend on me.
Take hold my hands, my heart, my mind
Make me dare to set men free.
To loose the bonds of all mankind,
Take up the cross—crusade for Thee
Courage of Christ—descend on me.

Mrs. C. R. SHAFFER

1946 RECOMMENDATIONS

Spiritual Life Cultivation

Realizing that there was never a greater need for the deepening of our spiritual lives and for a total commitment of life to Christ and His Church, we recommend:

That the DAY-A-PART program in the February Methodist Woman be used in each local Society.

That Conferences and Districts hold Retreats.

That the Spiritual Life Secretary promote the QUIET DAY program of the Week of Prayer.

That the Conference Spiritual Life Secretaries be sent to the Jurisdiction School of Missions for special Stewardship training.

That we bring to the attention of the membership of the local Societies the following subjects for prayer:

1. The Crusade for Christ in its emphasis:
 - a. Upon deepening the spiritual living of the church and bringing the unchurched to Christ and into church membership.
 - b. In helping every church member to become a true steward in the use of time, ability, and possessions in the service of the church.
2. Missionary personnel adequate for the work of the church at home and abroad.
3. People in war-torn lands—that their bodily suffering may be lessened and that in their mental and spiritual anguish they may be comforted by His Spirit.
4. The United Nations Organizations—that it may become an effective instrument for a just and enduring peace; and for our country—that it may become a Christian influence in this achievement.

ST. MARK'S COMMUNITY CENTER

New Orleans, Louisiana

Officers of the Board

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| Mrs. Fred C. Taylor | President |
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| Mrs. J. W. Woodard | Corresponding Secretary |
| Mrs. R. M. Miller | Treasurer |

Members of the Staff

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| William H. Owens | Head Resident |
| Mary S. Owens, Lucy J. Webb, Eleanor Moore and Louise North | Club Workers |

An enlarged staff and active board have made this year a meaningful one in the history of the program and activities of St. Mark's Community Center. Two general objectives have been uppermost in the planning and study carried on jointly by the board and staff. The two objectives are (1) to make real and significant in the every day life of the child and adult those precepts and principles of behavior which are Christian, and (2) to maintain sufficient flexibility in the program and services so that St. Mark's may continue to be a significant institution in a community in which many aspects of life were altered by the war years.

Having the services of two field work students from Tulane University has helped in our aim to increase the intensity of children's participation in our program. It is our feeling that there is definite value to the development of the child if he attends several times a week rather than once. As a result of this, we have seen some gratifying results among some particularly difficult children. Supplementing the intensity of participation has been the extra amount of home visitation done by staff members. A by-product of this home visitation has been the good increase in the parent participation in community night programs and other special events.

In addition to the usual program of activities there have been such special events as the annual membership banquet, which was held this year near Christmas, and several all-community programs. The Center has received tickets regularly so that a number of children have been able to attend the Junior Lecture Series and the productions of the Children's Playhouse. Service has been an emphasis in all groups, ranging from the Hobby Club, which made 13 quilts and 11 uniforms for the Memorial Mercy Home, to the younger children who made spool toys and tray favors for patients at Charity Hospital at the Christmas Season. A new feature which particularly delights the younger children is a Toy Lending Library. This project was made possible by the contribution of several church groups in the city and state. In a neighborhood where both play space and equipment are very limited, this library is a real service. Play is a basic need of childhood, and the care of these toys is providing a real learning experience for the children.

We are happy that through the activity of the St. Mark's Board more than the usual number of opportunities have been provided for presenting our work to church groups. For a number of years the Center has been without adequate heating facilities, and the Board is currently carrying on a project of major proportions in its attempt to raise funds for the installation of a central heating system in our building. It is hoped that support for this much needed addition may be obtained from the women throughout the conference.

WILLIAM H. OWENS, Head Resident
BUSINESS GIRLS' INN
Shreveport, Louisiana

City Mission Board

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| Mrs. J. B. Greer | President |
| Mrs. A. R. Campbell | Vice-President |
| Mrs. E. M. Norris | Second Vice-President |
| Mrs. H. M. Sneed | Secretary |
| Mrs. N. L. Hudson | Treasurer |

"Time marches on" and with it comes my thirteenth report of the Business Girls' Inn. When progress is being made we count time well spent and labor is not in vain.

The past year has been filled with busy days. Practically every week the home has been filled to capacity. Many girls have wanted to join our family group and we regretted we could not make room for them. In the near future we are looking forward to a new home where many more girls can be accommodated.

For eighteen years the home has been located at the present site and opened its doors to hundreds of girls. During my thirteen years of service I have seen the number of residents increase from eleven to twenty-four. How many more we might have cared for we do not know for calls come quite frequently. For some time we have dreamed of that day when a larger, more modern, well equipped home could be provided. Through the generosity of two interested friends of our Board that day is near at hand. These friends have made possible the purchase of a very desirable lot on Cotton Street. A committee has been appointed to study and submit plans for a new building which will be erected as soon as conditions permit. This home, we believe, will be one of which our women of Shreveport and the Louisiana Conference will be justly proud.

The majority of our twenty-four girls are working in offices as stenographers, typists, clerks, or bookkeepers. Salaries are sufficient for them to live well and thus contribute more in board than in former years. A few girls are students, preparing for work.

In the course of a year there are always days of joy and days of sorrow; times of doubt, and times of definite decisions. To be able to enter into the joys, to comfort in times of sorrow, to counsel in moments of doubt, and pray for right decisions, makes me feel very humble, but also grateful for such opportunities to serve.

We have been blessed in having a well happy family, strong bodies, clean minds, and unselfish spirits, help to build noble characters for which we are ever striving.

Weddings are not unusual and showers always proceed them. Several girls have married during the year. All have been marriages to returned veterans. When a girl marries in the city away from home, it is a pleasure to help her plan so that her wedding day will always be a cherished memory. The chapel of First Methodist Church has been used for some weddings. Marriage is a sacred institution and we like to help girls realize the demand for a better world rests to a large degree upon better homes and better parents.

Recently a girl joined our family group and after a week's residence she remarked, "The devotional period at the table every morning means so much to me." This daily meditation has helped many to begin a new day. Vespers held every two weeks helps to bring us closer together as a family group. These periods offer opportunities to hear messages that develop our spirits, enlarge our vision of world citizenship, and open avenues for better services and living.

MRS. MARY E. FREEMAN

PEOPLES' COMMUNITY CENTER

New Orleans, Louisiana

The Nursery School Department of Peoples Community Center was established in September, 1945. For the first time at the center

it was made possible through the Woman's Division of Christian Service to be maintained as a separate department. We have found that the Nursery school is meeting a great need in the community in which we are located. The enrollment consists of sixty-five children within the age group of two years to four years and nine months. There is an average attendance of from forty to fifty students each day.

The daily schedule in the Peoples Nursery School runs as follows: from 9:00 a. m. to 9:15 a. m. Daily morning inspection by the nurse. If at this time any child has any symptoms of ringworms or skin rash, etc., the nurse decides whether or not he should be sent home or stay at school without endangering any other child.

9:15 a. m. to 9:30 a. m. Collection of wraps.

9:30 a. m. to 9:45 a. m. Free play period. The fulfillment of this period in our Nursery School is somewhat limited, due to the fact, that as yet, we do not have sufficient space and equipment to take care of the large enrollment.

9:45 a. m. to 10:15 a. m. Singing and recitation of Nursery rhymes. Some of the songs that we sing are such action songs as "Baa Baa Black Sheep," "Hickory, Dickory, Dock," "Duty Song" (I wash my face, comb my hair, brush my teeth, etc.). Another group of songs we sing are songs which teach the children a lesson, such as the "Traffic Song." It is in this type of song that the children learn the meaning of, as in this particular case, the significance of the different traffic lights. Some of the other songs that we sing during this period are "Frere Jacques" a "French Song," "The Friendly Cow," "Pop Goes the Weasel," "Jack and Jill," "Mary Had a Little Lamb", etc. Following our singing we recite Nursery rhymes together, after which there is a short period of individual recitation of Nursery rhymes.

10:15 a. m. to 10:45 a. m. Creative work, such as drawing, clay modeling, coloring, cutting out of pictures, etc. On such holidays as Valentine, Washington's birthday, Easter, we try to use this period to make something that will be appropriate for the day we are celebrating.

10:45 a. m. to 11:15 a. m. Toilet routine.

11:15 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Period of story telling and at sometimes we convert this period in our daily schedule to a period of free expression.

11:30 a. m. to 11:45 a. m. Preparation for lunch. Each day at this time, two different children are selected from the group to help in setting the table for lunch. One child will pass out the spoons and the other student will distribute the half pint bottles of milk we use with the lunch. Following this preparation we have a few minutes of relaxation before lunch is served.

11:45 a. m. to 12:15 p. m. Lunch period.

12:15 p. m. to 12:30 p. m. Clearing of the plates and bottles. The children also help in doing this task after each child has finished eating and drinking his milk, he brings his bottle up and places it in the case, and one child at each table is assigned to stack the dishes at his table. It is such small tasks as these which teaches a child some degree of responsibility, because to them these little things which they are allowed to do seem very important to them. Through allowing children to assume the supervision of a task simple as they may be they learn the ability even here in the Nursery School to lead and to follow.

12:30 p. m. to 1:00 p. m. Toilet routine.

1:00 p. m. to 2:15 p. m. Rest period. As yet we do not have at Peoples Community sufficient space, equipment nor personnel to allow the students to go to bed each day for this rest period, however, during this period of temporary arrangements, the children can only put their heads on the table and rest. It is our sincere hope that in the near future we will have all that it takes to carry out an ideal

Nursery school schedule.

2:15 p. m. to 2:45 p. m. Outdoor play.

2:45 p. m. to 3:00 p. m. Distribution of wraps and preparations for dismissal.

At Peoples Community Center, we are very fortunate in having a very active Parent-Teacher Club. Since it has been organized, all attempts made by the teachers since school opened have had the whole hearted cooperation of the mothers of our students. With the help of our benefactors I am hopeful that Peoples Nursery School department will be widely known in the city of New Orleans.

MRS. G. W. CARTER

LOUISIANA CONFERENCE RURAL WORK

1945-1946

Indian Bayou

A deaconess has so many wonderful opportunities "To tell the old, old story of Jesus and His Love." Conscious of my influence and responsibility, I humbly approach my work, trusting God to use me in spite of my weaknesses and past failures.

Teaching Paul's Letter to the Ephesians aided by Dr. Harrell's little book, "The Word of His Grace," afforded rich opportunities to tell to three groups of women God's wonderful provisions for them. In one group this was followed by the study of "Uprooted Americans." Our women were impressed with the hunger in people's hearts for Christian fellowship, the need for more Christian workers, and our responsibility to those less fortunate than we. The result was that our women planned and had charge of a church service in which they presented to the young people and others the need for volunteer Christian workers. Two groups of women are now studying Dr. Bullock's book, "The Divine Fatherhood of God," as a guide for understanding the Bible in its teachings of the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man. We are impressed as we hear the wonderful story of Jesus and its meaning for our lives and we are awed by its implications for us in our relationships with all of God's children regardless of class, race or nation.

My work with the young people at Indian Bayou has been most rewarding. I was their teacher and counselor until the beginning of the new church school year, when a very capable young woman took over. I have continued to meet with them in their Sunday evening Methodist Youth Fellowship meetings, their council and commission meetings and to be of help when I could. It was my happy privilege to teach the Gospel of Matthew to these young people. Last spring in their evening sessions they made a study of the American Indian. The high point in the study was having one of the meetings on the church lawn around a camp fire with a program presenting the problems of Indian youth. This study was followed by making a small offering to the missionary work among the Indians in Mississippi. Recently the young people have made a study of Africa.

These same young people served as janitor of the church for awhile. With the money thus earned they fixed their church school room more attractively by painting the benches and by purchasing a table, a picture, and window shades.

One of their most successful projects was planning in cooperation with the Nazarene young people a Christmas program which was presented in the Methodist church, a Nazarene girl in charge, and a number from both churches participating. This project grew out of a study by the Methodist Youth Fellowship on the problem of prejudice.

The Indian Bayou young people sent a Christmas box to Overseas Relief. They prepared a special Thanksgiving program given at the

morning church service the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

Both young people and adults participated in giving gifts of food stuffs and money and carrying them to two elderly people on Thanksgiving Eve. The gifts were appreciated, but I believe the little song and prayer service we had in each home meant more to these old people who are no longer able to attend church services.

Again both the young people and adults took part in the observance of Rally Day in September.

My chief aim has been to help develop leadership ability in the young people and adults, but I am far from satisfied with the results. I hope we are going to see more progress yet. I am praying that from our school of evangelism will spring a new desire for consecration among church school workers and more faithfulness on their part as leaders. Now that I have almost finished reading "Pilgrim's Progress" to the Hebron Church School, the superintendent has asked me to help them in preparing opening worship services. The Indian Bayou young people have made real progress. The three groups of women with whom I meet have a growing interest in the organization of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, in the Bible, and in missions.

This year I did not assume the responsibility of teaching regularly a church school class, that I might be freer to help the other teachers, but hardly a Sunday passes in which I am not called upon to teach adults, young people, or children. That means I must be fairly well acquainted with the lesson materials used with each group. I count making this preparation a privilege, however, for each time offers me the opportunity to tell the "Old, old story" of which I never tire telling and to which I always find attentive listeners.

Vacation church schools are very rewarding experiences. It is such a privilege to see the teachers finding joys that they have not known before and to hear eager children making plans for vacation church schools a year hence. We had a two-week school at Indian Bayou. Bro. Martin and I used our cars to bring the children to the church. At Hebron, Ebenezer and Rayne we had one-week schools. The Nazarene children cooperated in the Hebron school. I gave general supervision to the schools and directed almost all the worship services. Plans are already on foot for this year's schools.

I am assisting the superintendent of the nursery department, Indian Bayou, to enroll all the babies. We have found about forty. It does one's heart good to see what it means to the mothers when they are given the certificates.

A number of times during the year I have been called on to make special talks. In Welsh I spoke to a group of women studying "Christians in a World Economy" on rural work and problems as I have experienced them. It was my privilege to attend the District Conference at Lake Charles and to lead the morning devotional, and to attend the Zone Meeting at Gueydan and to lead the closing worship and consecration service. Bro. Day at Rayne has called upon me several times to have charge of the mid-week prayer services and the Sunday night services, he being out of town. I have supplied for Bro. Thibodeaux, Ebenezer, once, also. The hardest thing and that which I was most glad to do was make a talk on race relations at Indian Bayou and at Rayne.

In a year's time I made 447 calls in homes. That is not such a large number, but it can have much meaning. I was given 447 opportunities to represent my Master, to invite people to church, to distribute Christian literature, to have prayers. Each visit did not mean all of those things, but I hope each visit was in some way a reminder of God's love and the need for each to be sure his relationship with God was as it should have been.

Recently I helped Bro. Martin in the church membership survey. I entered some homes where I had not been before. Everyone seems

to know about the deaconess even though she may not be known personally. Revealing information and many prospective members were discovered.

We had the school of evangelism which I taught at Indian Bayou, March 11-14. The number enrolled was small, but the response given by those attending was inspiring. Later I expect to be the instructor, also, in a like school at Rayne.

My prayer and aim is to be used of the the Lord in visitation evangelism and in helping others to see that they, too, can be used. It is such a wonderful time to be a Christian. Please pray that I may not fail my Master and that I may present Him in such a way that others may be drawn to accept Him as their Lord and Master.

EVA CRENSHAW, Deaconess

DULAC INDIAN MISSION

14th Annual Report—1945

The work moves steadily forward. This year the great event was the definite crystalization of plans for a building to house the work and to carry on an enlarged program. Due to war conditions, mainly, actual construction of the building is not yet under way, but we hope definitely to have it ready for use by the opening of the fall session in September.

The average attendance has been around sixty; the overall enrollment about a hundred. Much of the attendance is seasonal, that is affected by the trapping season, the shrimping season and other conditions. A number of families, formerly living far below the end of the road and so out of reach of the school have rented a plot of ground on Indian Point, erected a home and so are able to send the children to school.

The work of the church has progressed and prospered under the able direction of the Pastor, Rev. C. J. Rousseaux.

Miss Wilhelmina Hooper is in charge of the school department.

MACDONELL FRENCH MISSION SCHOOL, WESLEY HOUSE

AND RURAL WORK

Houma, Louisiana

In looking back over the year one of the outstanding memories is the eager graciousness of the Missionary women in their love and cooperation in carrying on the work. There have been difficulties, among them, a shortage of able teachers, but the actual work has suffered very little. For this we are deeply grateful.

If all goes well we'll have five young women ready for a diploma by the end of May when the session closes. Two former pupils are now in college, and all the others seem to be giving a good account of themselves, in service, or in establishing Christian homes.

We are deeply grateful for the generous and abundant gifts of Supplies received during the year and for the Scholarships that enable us to take in deserving children who would otherwise be denied the chance of an education. I am sorry that we are unable to list the scholarships and give names of children benefitting from each one, but the necessary information does not reach me for that.

Those serving on the staff are as follows:

Deaconesses: Lillie J. Hendricks, Virginia Tague and Ella K. Hooper.

Employed workers: Miss Ione Gandy, Miss Annie Lampard, Miss Dorothy Compton, Mrs. Gilbert Marcell and Mrs. Nolan J. Math-erne.

Members of Board: Mrs. J. H. Thatcher, president; Mrs. Norsen

Dunn Tatum, Mrs. George Sexton, Jr., Mrs. Wiltz M. Ledbetter, Mrs. J. A. Pharr, Mrs. J. B. Pollard, Mrs. Gilman McConnell, Mr. J. H. Patterson, Rev. D. B. Boddie and Rev. W. W. Holmes.

SAGER-BROWN HOME

Baldwin, Louisiana

F. D. Timmons, Superintendent

The Sager-Brown Home is a National home for children who are without one, or both parents, and are not properly cared for. We undertake to supply this deficit. We have about sixteen acres of land on our campus. We grow feed, with the children doing a reasonable share of the work. We take youngsters here whose ages are from three to fourteen years. Some come in their early teens, with only two to five years of schooling. These are in their late teens before they finish our ten year school, which is definitely part of our training here. We have fifty-two youngsters living here now, with six more girls than boys enrolled, and the girls averaging a little older in years.

More applications come in than we can accommodate. There is a definite need for two dormitories here, one for larger boys, and one for larger girls. Work shops are a crying need here. We visualize the need for a four year High school, with necessary equipment for training our youngsters so that they may be able to take hold intelligently in some useful field when they leave this home. It is my plea to the good women of our Methodism to help us realize this vision.

Now, the things we have in mind when we speak of work shops are: laundries, a shoe repair shop, welding, soldering, a blacksmith shop, a carpenter shop, sheet-iron works, and included should be equipment for general car repairs.

The health of the youngsters is up to the average. Our milk production permits a fair quantity for each child. The Woman's Society of Christian Service from many parts of the country are doing a fine job in helping meet the various needs of our children here. Some send packages of clothing, others send money. The total needs of some of our youngsters must be supplied by the institution. We are endeavoring to produce a more abundant food and feed supply this year. We are optimistic about the outcome. We are looking forward with pleasure and anticipation for our new and spacious school buildings this summer.

Respectfully submitted,

F. D. TIMMONS, Superintendent

REPORT OF STUDENT WORK

Louisiana Polytechnic Institute

The enrollment of Methodist preference students has increased from 250 to more than 400. This summer includes Veterans, drive-in, and those students who live in town. This increase has called for an expansion in the Student Center program as well as an increase in budget.

The students have been responsible for the increase in the program and have taken care of all the recreation and worship plans for the year. They are gaining in leadership ability as they assume the responsibilities for various activities. The larger budget has been obtained by asking that each church with a student at Tech send in five dollars for this student rather than the original three asked. Most churches have cooperated in this request.

The Student Secretary and one student, a veteran, attended the Third National Student Conference at Urbanna. In the workshop

period on "Reaching the Unreached" Dr. Jim Chubb suggested that the Student Centers on the various campuses try having a "learning to pray" time. Thus far this suggestion has worked successfully in the Tuesday evening Vesper period.

The Center has used recreation as a method of helping the older students who are returning to school adjust themselves and become acquainted with the other students. New equipment has been obtained.

The State Student Conference was held at Tech this year with students coming from LSU, Southwestern, Southeastern, Centenary, Tulane, Northwestern and Newcomb.

The project of clothing one of the little boys at the Louisiana Methodist Orphanage is being carried on by the Chairman of Community Service. The students, through their offerings, provide his clothing and remember him at Christmas, on his birthday, and on Easter.

The annual Christmas party of the Student Center was held by the students after a Caroling Service. This has proved a valuable project and gives the students the special responsibility of the needs of the Center at that particular time.

We of the Student Center would like to ask the time of the Student Secretaries of the local Societies. It is true that we need the financial support of these Societies and we deeply appreciate all the aid given us in the past, but we also need the personal interest and concern of these ladies. We would like to have them visit us and let the students get to know those who have been so much help to us.

We wish the best possible year for the Societies of the State and may we and each of them grow in favor with God and Man.

Respectfully submitted,
FAY BARR, Methodist Student Secretary

Northwestern State College

It would be very difficult to give an adequate report in a few words. Therefore I am going to mention several "high" points in the year's work. The spirit among the students is excellent. Half of the year we had Navy V-5 units here. Many sailors took an active part in our program. Our average enrollment of Methodist students is 125. Although many go home every week-end, we still have a large group of active people.

In our Sunday School class we have studied "The Prophets," "Apostles' Creed," and "Personalities of the Passion." In the evening meetings we have used "How the Bible Grew Up," Mission Unit of Africa and "Credo." This last one has been most interesting.

Six of us went to the National Student Conference in Urbana, Illinois. Twenty are attending the state conference. We had the state council meet with us in January.

Recently the women of the church "adopted" the students as their college daughters. We had a big supper at the church so that these students and new parents could meet each other. It is surely meaning a lot to them.

The students sing in the choir at church. In fact, they are nearly the whole choir. They have also attended the district crusade meetings.

Our Christmas project was an offering to overseas relief. The students have given \$15.00 to the Methodist Student Fellowship Fund. Thirty-five students made church pledges.

We have a fine campus church Relations Committee. Recently we drew up a constitution for the group. This will help a great deal in the work. All the members are most cooperative.

We have had several very beautiful recreational programs this

year. The girls planned, cooked, and served the Christmas banquet.

All the committees have really been at work. The spirit of cooperation and fellowship is wonderful.

Yours sincerely,

LUCILE PIERCE

Southwestern Louisiana Institute

It will not be possible for my annual report to cover but part of the year as I have been at Southwestern only since the first of September. Naturally at first I fitted into the already planned program and just got acquainted, since it was the middle of the semester. The last of our Navy fellows left with the ending of that term and even I who had known them only a short time was sorry to have them leave.

The November-February semester brought an extremely diversified group of students to S. L. I. It was definitely a transition period and showed also in Wesley Foundation. With 160 Methodists on campus we reached a good number at first—but the interest was not held for all. This was a time when we were getting our organization to work more efficiently—it was even a trial and error period. We experimented to see just what appealed to the most number of students. For it was not yet a peace time campus. The girls far outnumbered the men and so Wesley seemed also to be mainly girls. It was a difficult group to work with entirely and so it was easier to work with small groups and individuals—and more profitable in the long run. For it is with this smaller group that a good nucleus could be made. And so we built something that was lacking—a spirit, a fellowship for and in Wesley. The results can be seen now and in the future. Because a small group was vitally interested, it is not ready to enlarge and include the members who are interested this semester.

The most outstanding of our regular Thursday night meetings was the one at which Prof. Ben Kaplan spoke. He is in the Sociology Department at S. L. I.—and a great man. A Russian Jew (now American) who believes in Christianity as the only way out of the present crisis. He gave a talk that thrilled us all as he spoke of his belief and we realized that it paralleled what we knew from Urbana—what we were working for as Methodists and Christians today. His frank, open discussions are terrific—he is a great man.

For extra features there is one in particular that we are proud of. The Methodist Students played host to the other student groups on campus for this year's Christmas Caroling. We had selected toys for the children of Charity Hospital as our Christmas project and so this was our first stop. After a couple of hours of caroling directed by one of our students, we came back to the Center for hot chocolate and cookies. Though it taxed our limited facilities, we were delighted to have the 75 students who came as our guests. We were particularly glad that the Catholic students joined us, too.

This semester, March-June, has been most encouraging. With 220 Methodists on campus and many of the men returning our group looks more as it ought to. And this is where our work of last semester shows up, for the students are more friendly and willing to work and make Wesley tops.

It is easiest to present the good side only in such a report as this. But also it is realized that student work does have its high and low points, even if the trend is generally up as it should be. Not measuring in facts and figures as it is impossible to do in student work—we are building.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN BECK, Methodist Student Counselor

Southwestern Louisiana Institute

REPORT STATUS OF WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

The importance of the work to be done by the Committee on Status of Women is evidenced by the fact that one of the twelve planned programs for this year was given over to the work, also the Chairman was made a Secretary of Status of Women indicating the enlarged responsibilities. As shown by the aim and purpose of this Committee its work is to help the Christian woman find her place in the church and society and assist her in assuming this place with a dynamic sense of dignity and responsibility. The status of Women's Committee must be continually on the alert to become acquainted with all the women of the church and learn their talents, etc., for potential leadership. As a means of visualizing the woman power of the church a chart is suggested which may be found in the leaflet "Preparing for the Future" which may be secured from Literature Headquarters. The Status of Women Committees has the opportunity of seeking out and presenting Christian Service as a high privilege to the women of the church.

The work of the Status of Women's Committee in the conference has been promoted through District Chairman, who aided in compiling the annual reports, these District Chairmen were sent copies of the Jurisdictional recommendations and asked to promote same in their Districts.

The New Orleans Christian Advocate generously printed an open letter, to all Chairmen of the Status of Women, from the Conference Chairman. Only 49 of the societies of our State mailed reports concerning their work with Status of Women's Committee but we feel that many more than that have presented it during the past year. One hundred and sixty-two women were reported to be serving on official boards of churches. Thirty-six women were reported elected to annual Conference—172 of 1944 Discipline cites the President of Local W. S. C. S. as a member of the official board, while 142 states she is a member of Quarterly Conference. Each bit of service well done is a stepping stone to large opportunities and service. Let each woman assume her place of service with a "dynamic sense of dignity and responsibility" aided by wide-awake Status of Women Committees and there will be no more shortage of workers. "Let us ever keep our zest for the best."

MRS. IRA CAMPBELL, Conf. Status of Women

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON VISITING INSTITUTIONS

The following Institutions in Louisiana are projects of the Woman's Division of Christian Service, and have been contacted by members of the Visiting Committee: Business Girls' Inn, Shreveport; Mac-Donell French Mission School and Wesley House and Dulac, Houma; Sager-Brown Home and Godman School, Baldwin; St. Mark's Community Center, New Orleans; Peck Hall, New Orleans; Peoples Community Center, New Orleans.

Our aim in assisting them is to stimulate the interest of Methodist Women and to enlist more voluntary workers and greater financial support to help the Institutions to more adequately meet the needs of the communities. Now that the war years are passed, it is hoped that more and more skilled workers may be employed enabling the Institution to make the Kingdom of God a greater present reality and power in the world.

MRS. C. I. JONES

DEPARTMENT OF LAW
BY-LAWS OF LOUISIANA CONFERENCE WOMAN'S SOCIETY
OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Constitution and By-Laws for all Conference Societies will be found in the new Hand Book.

ARTICLE I

Elections

Section 1. Only women residing within the bounds of the Conference shall be elected as Conference Officers.

Section 2. Officers shall be elected biennially for a term of four years, with the privilege of re-election for one additional term in the same office. To prevent vacancies in all offices at the same time, beginning with 1942 the following officers shall be elected for a two year term (with the privilege of re-election for a four year term): Vice-President, Secretary of Organization and Promotion, Recording Secretary, Secretary of Literature and Publications, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Secretary of Supplies, Secretary of Spiritual Life and Message. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: President, Treasurer, Secretary of Youth Work, Secretary of Student Work, Secretary of Children's Work, Secretary of Status of Women and Secretary of Missionary Personnel. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. (a) At the last Annual meeting of the quadrennium the Conference Society shall elect six delegates to the Jurisdiction Society, all of whom shall be Conference officers. Three of these, including the President, shall be elected by office, the other three shall be elected by name.

(b) If and when vacancies occur in the offices designated during the quadrennium, the successor in office shall be considered the Conference representative. Vacancies occurring among those elected by name shall be filled by the Executive Committee.

(c) Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting the election.

ARTICLE II

Vacancies

Section 1. When vacancies among Conference officers, or standing committees occur during the year they shall be filled by the Administrative Committee with ratification by the Executive Committee, until the next annual session of the Conference when the office shall be filled by election.

Section 2. When more than one-half of an unexpired term of office in the Conference or District is filled, it shall constitute a full term of office.

ARTICLE III

Executive Committee

Section 1. The Executive Committee of the Conference shall be composed of the officers, the District Presidents and District Secretaries of Organization and Promotion and such other persons as the Conference Society may determine. A majority shall constitute a quorum. Any member of the Woman's Division, and any jurisdiction officers residing in the Conference shall be members of the Executive Committee.

Section 2. There shall be an Administrative Committee composed of the president, who shall be the chairman; the vice-president, the

secretary of Organization and Promotion, the treasurer and officers residing in the District involved in matters of administration. This Committee shall have the power to serve as an ad interim committee.

ARTICLE IV

Funds

Section 1. The Treasurer may disburse without order from the President and Secretary of Organization the quarterly expense money for all officers.

Section 2. The Treasurer shall advance each quarter for office expense the following amounts: To the president, vice-president, secretaries of Student Work, Youth Work, Children's Work, Wesleyan Service Guild, Missionary Education and Service, Spiritual Life, Status of Women, and Missionary Personnel, \$7.50 each; to the secretary of Supplies \$10.00; to the secretary of Organization and Promotion, \$12.50; to the secretary of Literature and Publications, \$20.00. Postage shall be allowed all chairmen of Conference Committees.

3. A sum not to exceed \$300.00 per year shall be allowed the secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities for the promotion of this department of work in the Conference.

Section 4. The cost of publishing the Conference News shall be approved and the bill paid upon presentation.

Section 5. Thirty-five cents per member shall be set aside by the treasurer for a cultivation fund, membership to be based on enrollment as of December 31, of the preceding year. Expense of officers, speakers at Annual Meetings, expense of Executive Meetings, expense of delegates to the Jurisdiction Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, expense for promotional and educational work of the Conference shall be paid from this cultivation fund.

All monies in the fund at the end of the fiscal year over the amount necessary to adequately carry on the Conference work shall revert to the general fund.

Section 6. Each local society shall include in its budget for District Cultivation Fund, an amount equal to ten cents per member to be remitted to the District Treasurer.

Section 7. At each annual district meeting a public collection shall be taken for Conference Work. The District Treasurer may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the Conference Treasurer.

ARTICLE V

Districts

Section 1. Districts shall be divided into zones according to their size. Beginning with 1946, a leader for each zone shall be appointed by the District President for a term of two years with the privilege of re-appointment for one additional term. The Zone Leaders shall hold meetings quarterly in their respective zones. A collection may be taken at each meeting. The leader may deduct any necessary expense of the meeting before remitting to the District Treasurer.

Section 2. District officers shall be elected biennially for a term not to exceed four years, with the exception of the Treasurer. For the first time only the following officers shall be elected for a two-year term, with the privilege of re-election for a full four year term: Vice-President, Secretary of Organization and Promotion, Recording Secretary, Secretary of Literature and Publications, Secretary of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, Secretary of Supplies, Secretary of Spiritual Life and Message. The following officers shall be elected for a four year term: President, Secretary of Youth Work, Secretary of Student Work, Secretary of Children's

Work, and Secretary of Status of Women. Elections shall be by ballot, a majority vote constituting election.

Section 3. In each district a well-qualified woman shall be appointed by the District President to serve as chairman of Missionary Personnel, who shall cooperate with the youth workers in the local churches.

ARTICLE VI

Standing Committees

Section 1. There shall be a Standing Committee on Spiritual Life whose endeavor shall be to quicken the spiritual life of all Methodist women by helping them to deepen their prayer life and to increase their sense of responsibility for personal service and giving. The committee shall keep in touch with the spiritual movement of the times and by prayerful research develop a clearer appreciation of the meaning of Christian living. It shall promote Christian stewardship, informal studies and the use of the Bible and other devotional materials. The committee shall devise definite means for permeating the local church with a spiritual power that should lead to deeper consecration and to more active service.

Section 2. There shall be a Standing Committee on Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, which may include District secretaries of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities or other specially trained leaders in the field of social action, including the Wesleyan Service Guild members. This committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society concerning the work of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities in accord with the lines of work outlined by the Division and Jurisdiction.

Section 3. There shall be a Standing Committee on Study and Action composed of the secretaries of Missionary Education and Service, of Christian Social Relations and Local Church Activities, of the Wesleyan Service Guild and of Spiritual Life.

It shall be the duty of this committee to consider all plans and recommendations referred to the Conference by the Jurisdiction Committee on Summer Schools and Conferences; to make recommendations concerning the use of approved study courses, joint study courses and cooperative courses. It may recommend also special informal studies in line with major needs. This committee shall develop a correlated program of education and action for the year and make recommendations concerning the same to the Conference Society.

Section 4. There shall be a Standing Committee on Finance. This committee shall be composed of the treasurer of the Conference as chairman, and the treasurers of the District Society, where there are such officers, and a limited number of other women appointed at the annual meeting of the Conference Society.

It shall study the strength of the society in the local churches and the pledges made; become informed of conference income and assist by counsel in the forming of the Conference pledge and budget.

Section 5. There shall be a Standing Committee on Status of Women. It shall be the duty of this committee to study the status of women in the local church, the community, the state, the nation, and in other lands. This study shall include the bases of woman's place and the questions that affect her place in society and in the church. The Committee shall make recommendations to the Conference Society for the promotion of such lines of activities as will improve her status and enable her to serve effectively.

Section 6. There shall be a Standing Committee on Missionary Personnel composed of the secretary of Missionary Personnel, who shall be the chairman, the Conference President, the secretary of Organization, the secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild, the secretary

of Student Work, and the women of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board of Missions and Church Extensions and of the Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division residing within the Conference. Others with experience in personnel work may be co-opted.

This committee shall work in cooperation with the committee on Missionary Personnel of the Woman's Division. It shall search for consecrated young women of training and experience who may be available for Christian service; it shall interpret the standards for candidates for the types of service needed; it shall explain to prospective candidates the procedure in making applications to the Board; it shall recommend to the personnel secretary of the Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel of the Board the names of such persons who in the judgment of the committee shall be considered as prospective candidates; it shall cooperate in making plans for visitation within the Conference in the interest of personnel work. The committee shall send an annual report of its activities to the secretary of Missionary Personnel of the Jurisdiction.

Section 7. There shall be a Standing Committee on Constitution and By-Laws consisting of five members. It shall be the duty of this committee to watch all proposed legislation and call attention to any overlapping, conflicting or unnecessary items. It shall prepare for use in the Annual Report, a copy of the By-Laws adopted by the Conference, of the Standing Rules and Rules of Order. The chairman shall be elected by Executive Committee.

Section 8. (a) There shall be a Deaconess Advisory Committee in each District, where a deaconess is employed, with the following personnel: the District President, who shall be chairman; the District Superintendent, Conference officers within the district, the pastor in charge of the local church, and the presidents of each society in the charge in which the work is undertaken. The committee shall meet quarterly, at which time the worker employed by the Conference shall make a report. Written reports shall be made monthly to the District Secretary of Organization, Conference President and the Conference Secretary of Organization.

(b) The District Advisory Committee shall recommend to the Executive Committee of the Conference the advisability of continuing each worker in the district.

Section 9. There shall be a Research Committee consisting of the District Secretaries, with a chairman elected by the Executive Committee. It shall be the duty of this committee to search for specially qualified women in the Conference who may serve as officers and chairmen of standing committees. It shall be the qualifications and suitability of such women for special places of service and submit a report of its findings when called for to the Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service.

ARTICLE VII

Amendments

Section 1. All proposed changes to the by-laws shall be sent to the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws 30 days before the annual meeting of Conference, and typed copies shall be made for distribution to the delegates.

STANDING RULES OF THE CONFERENCE

1. All communications from Conference Officers, such as circular letters, literature, etc., must go direct to the corresponding officers of the Society, instead of through the District Secretary.

2. A committee on Journal shall be appointed to approve the

minutes of the Conference session. All minutes of the Conference shall be signed by the President and the Recording Secretary.

3. Standing committees shall meet for organization before leaving the seat of the Conference. Each committee shall have the right to make its own quorum. Expenses for an annual meeting of each standing committee shall be allowed.

4. There shall be a committee of three, one of whom shall be the secretary of Organization, elected to visit the home institutions within the bounds of the Conference and to cooperate with them in the advancement of their work. An expense account may be presented when necessary.

5. Typists shall be supplied at the Annual Meeting for the typing of committee reports, expense of same to be paid by the Conference.

6. A half-hour of each forenoon during the Annual Meeting of Conference shall be devoted to worship.

RULES OF ORDER

1. Each meeting shall open and close with a religious service.

2. All resolutions shall be presented in writing and signed by two members.

3. Courtesies shall be limited to the 10 minutes before the noon devotional service.

STANDING RULES FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES

1. No new society can be reported until a quarterly report has been sent to the Conference Treasurer and District Secretary.

2. In order that the Society entertaining the Annual Conference may not be deprived of the benefits of the meeting, a luncheon shall be served by an outside agency, at a price not to exceed 75 cents per plate.

3. In case any society is not sending a member as delegate to the Annual Conference of the Woman's Society of Christian Service, that Society may elect its Zone leader to serve in that capacity, and may also assist in paying her expenses.

4. One-fourth of the membership of the Society shall constitute a quorum for the election of officers.

5. The President of the Society shall be responsible for the calling of an executive meeting the last of each quarter, at which time the reports should be made out and mailed to the Conference Officers.

6. The corresponding secretary of each Society shall send the total amount pledged to the District Secretary not later than February 15th, and the Memorial Roll not later than March 10th.

7. Societies having the circle plan of organization shall shift the membership of circles at least every two years.

8. Representation at Annual Meetings shall be one delegate for each one hundred members or major fraction thereof. Each Society, however small, will have one delegate.

9. Thirty days before the Annual Conference meeting, the Conference Recording Secretary shall send to the President of each Society in the Conference registration cards, which she shall fill in with names of delegates, and with check covering luncheons, and mail immediately to the Chairman of Registration in the Society entertaining the Conference.

10. A report presenting all resolutions and plans adopted should be made by the delegate or delegates at the first meeting of the Society after the Conference.

11. In each local Society a well-qualified woman shall be appointed to serve as chairman of Missionary Personnel, who shall cooperate with the youth workers of the church.

ROSTER OF
ZONE LEADERS AND SOCIETY PRESIDENTS
ACCORDING TO ZONES AND DISTRICTS
ALEXANDRIA DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. W. M. Hopper, Natchitoches, La.

| Societies—Presidents | Address |
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| Flora—Mrs. J. E. Burt | Flora, La. |
| Mt. Zion—Mrs. Vesta Fredreau | Rt. 1, Montgomery, La. |
| Natchitoches—Mrs. A. M. Hopper | Natchitoches, La. |
| Oak Grove—Mrs. Lou Grigsby | Rt. 1, Natchitoches, La. |

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. P. A. Dean, Colfax, La.

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| Bentley—Mrs. Stafford Hynes | Bentley, La. |
| Boyce—Mrs. A. J. Hicks | Boyce, La. |
| Colfax—Mrs. J. M. Alford | Colfax, La. |
| Dry Prong—Mrs. W. O. Wagoner | Dry Prong, La. |
| Hollin's Chapel—Mrs. S. J. Higginbotham | Rt. 1, Dry Prong, La. |
| Montgomery—Mrs. M. E. Bozeman | Montgomery, La. |
| Palestine—Mrs. G. T. Hudson | Pineville, La. |
| Pineville—Mrs. John Galloway | Pineville, La. |
| Pollock—Miss Mollye Stewart | Pollock, La. |
| Ball—Mrs. J. H. Lanier | Ball, La. |

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. W. I. Twiner, Oakdale, La.

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| Alexandria, First—Mrs. Geo. Powell | 2456 Hill St., Alexandria, La. |
| Alexandria, Trinity—Mrs. W. E. Brodie, 203 Sunset St., | Alexandria, La. |
| Elizabeth—Mrs. J. E. Collins | Elizabeth, La. |
| Glenmora—Mrs. E. R. Bremer | Glenmora, La. |
| Lecompte—Mrs. H. A. White | Lecompte, La. |
| Oakdale—Mrs. W. I. Twiner | Oakdale, La. |

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. C. A. Riddle, Marksville, La.

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| Bunkie—Mrs. N. D. Butler | Bunkie, La. |
| Marksville—Mrs. C. A. Riddle | Marksville, La. |
| Melville—Mrs. W. C. Bailey | Melville, La. |
| Oak Grove—Mrs. J. R. Moss | Rt. 3, Box 101, Alexandria, La. |
| Opelousas—Mrs. F. H. Yeagers | Opelousas, La. |
| Palmetto—Mrs. Chas. Beyer | Palmetto, La. |
| Ville Platte—Mrs. W. N. Parker | Ville Platte, La. |
| White Chapel—Mrs. Willie Lewis | Route 3, Bunkie, La. |

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. F. C. Wren, Winnfield, La.

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| Jena—Mrs. T. J. Drewett | Jena, La. |
| Tullos—Mrs. C. C. Shephard | Tullos, La. |
| Urania—Mrs. Harry Nichols | Urania, La. |
| Winnfield—Mrs. F. C. Wren | Winnfield, La. |

Zone 6—Leader, Mrs. Harry S. Todd, Vidalia, La.

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| Ferniday—Mrs. J. A. Love | Ferriday, La. |
| Jonesville—Mrs. B. Z. Foreman | Jonesville, La. |
| Sicily Island—Mrs. Elmo Cruse | Sicily Island, La. |
| Vidalia—Mrs. Clifford Reeves | Vidalia, La. |

BATON ROUGE DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. J. C. Lowery, 2224 Monroe Ave., Baton Rouge

| Societies—Presidents | Address |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| First Church—Mrs. John F. Ward | 1944 Tulip St., Baton Rouge, La. |
| Istrouma—Mrs. T. W. Cox | 2800 Jackson Ave., Baton Rouge, La. |
| Lottie—Mrs. A. N. Smith | Blanks, La. |
| Magnolia—Mrs. James L. Summers | Greenwell Springs, La. |

N. Baton Rouge—Mrs. E. S. Pfister, 2615 Farrar St., Baton Rouge, La.
 Plaquemine—Mrs. Geo. H. Pierce, 718 LaBouve Ave., Plaquemine, La.
 Slaughter—Mrs. John F. Piker _____ Slaughter, La.
 Rosedale—Mrs. W. O. Miller _____ Grosse Tete, La.
 University Church—Mrs. Miles McPeck, 321 Cornell, Baton Rouge, La.
 Zachary—Mrs. D. C. Williams _____ Zachary, La.

Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. Ira Flowers, Franklinton, La.

Angie—Mrs. G. W. Stafford _____ Angie, La.
 Bogalusa—Mrs. R. E. Richardson _____ Louisiana Ave., Bogalusa, La.
 Franklinton—Mrs. Katherine Richardson _____ Franklinton, La.
 Covington—Mrs. Tucker Stewart _____ Covington, La.

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Lee Morgan, Rt. 4, Baton Rouge, La.

Baker—Mrs. H. L. Rogers _____ Baker, La.
 Blackwater—Mrs. Joe B. Carpenter _____ Rt. 1, Baker, La.
 Denham Springs—Mrs. L. W. Rainey _____ Denham Springs, La.
 Live Oak—Mrs. John W. Jones _____ Watson, La.
 Manguam Chapel—Mrs. Lulu Wesley _____ Corbin, La.

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. William Schuhle, Ponchatoula, La.

Springfield—Mrs. J. A. Bishop _____ Springfield, La.
 Amite—Mrs. E. W. Forshay _____ Amite, La.
 Hammond—Mrs. Kenneth Black 608 E. Thomas St., Hammond, La.
 Kentwood—Mrs. E. E. Sylvest _____ Kentwood, La.
 Ponchatoula—Mrs. Robert Jackson _____ Ponchatoula, La.
 Lee's Landing—Mrs. Milton Raiford _____ Rt. 1, Ponchatoula, La.
 Loranger—Mrs. H. A. Champlin _____ Loranger, La.
 Tangipahoa—Mrs. R. E. Kennison _____ Tangipahoa, La.
 Tickfaw—Mrs. D. V. Jenkins _____ Tickfaw, La.
 Wesley Chapel—Mrs. Sophie McPhnal _____ Ponchatoula, La.

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. Lewellyn Spillman, Spillman, La.

Clinton—Mrs. Jack Pharses _____ Woodland, La.
 Greensburg—Mrs. C. S. Holland _____ Greensburg, La.
 Jackson—Mrs. Glen Smith _____ Jackson, La.
 New Hope—Mrs. L. B. Weams _____ Rt. 1, Jackson, La.
 St. Francisville—Mrs. Harry Daniel _____ Rt. 2, Jackson, La.

LIST OF 1946 PRESIDENTS OF LAKE CHARLES DISTRICT

Lake Charles, Louisiana

Abbeville _____ Mrs. L. V. Jennaro, 105 S. Guegnon St.
 Basile _____ Mrs. W. M. Childress
 Church Point _____ Mrs. M. A. Hargrader
 Crowley _____ Mrs. Chas. E. McLean, Crowley
 DeQuincy _____ Mrs. H. W. Hamilton
 DeRidder _____ Mrs. Clarence Fuller, 606 Bonami, St.
 Ebenezzer _____ Mrs. E. E. Faulk
 Elton _____ Mrs. John Sabatice
 Eunice _____ Mrs. J. P. Beddell
 Gueydan _____ Mrs. H. G. Hardee, Rt. 1, Kaplan
 Hopewell _____ Mrs. E. E. Garlington, Rt. 1, Pitkins, La.
 Iowa _____ Mrs. Geo. Koonce
 Indian Bayou _____ Mrs. C. L. Boulet, Star Rt., Box 97, Rayne, La.
 Jeanerette _____ Mrs. Paul N. Cyr
 Jennings _____ Mrs. J. A. Keller, 406 State St.
 Kinder _____ Mrs. R. W. Burris
 Lafayette, Davidson Memo _____ Mrs. J. J. Davidson, 202 Sixth St.
 Lafayette, First Church _____ Mrs. Morgan G. Hall, 508 St. Joseph St.
 Lake Arthur _____ Mrs. Gordon Mack
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| Pine Grove | Mrs. Lutherine Burton, Rt. 2, Pitkins, La. |
| Prospect | Mrs. Conerly, Florian, La. |
| Raymond | Mrs. Grace Marshall, Elton, La. |
| Rayne | Mrs. H. A. McDonald |
| Sulphur | Mrs. A. J. Levasseur, Sulphur Mines, Sulphur, La. |
| Vinton | Mrs. W. A. Sutton |
| Welsh | Mrs. Mable Carter |
| West Lake | Mrs. J. H. Miller |

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ZONE ONE

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| Columbia Hts.—Mrs. E. A. Parker | Rt. 1, Columbia, Louisiana |
| Gordan Ave.—Mrs. C. B. Parsons | 2110 Gordan Ave., Monroe, La. |
| Grayson—Mrs. Ted Johnson | Grayson, Louisiana |
| Kelley—Mrs. I. S. Humphries | Kelly, Louisiana |
| Memorial—Mrs. W. A. Cotton | 206 Gilbert Street, Monroe, La. |
| Monroe First—Mrs. J. R. White | 508 Ark. Ave., Monroe, La. |
| Olla—Mrs. John Waggoner | Olla, Louisiana |
| Stone Ave.—Mrs. H. F. Boyd | Rt. 2, Box 85, Monroe, La. |
| West Monroe—Mrs. C. D. Harper | 297 Ludwig St. West Monroe, La. |

ZONE TWO

Leader, Mrs. Homer Valentine, Oak Ridge, Louisiana

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| Bonita—Mrs. Scott Buatt | Bonita, La. |
| Collinston—Mrs. Windsor Puckett | Collinston, La. |
| Fairbanks—Mrs. Alma McVey | Fairbanks, La. |
| Jones—Mrs. W. L. Pugh | Jones, La. |
| Mer Rouge—Mrs. Roy Windsor | Mer Rouge, La. |
| Oak Ridge—Mrs. J. S. McDuffie | Oak Ridge, La. |
| Sterlington—Mrs. O. J. Parker | Sterlington, La. |

ZONE THREE

Leader, Mrs. C. Noble Hatch, Rt. 3, Rayville, Louisiana

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| Buckner—Mrs. F. B. Hatch, Sr. | Rt. 3, Rayville, La. |
| Crowville—Mrs. R. D. Harper | Crowville, La. |
| Crew Lake—Mrs. Sallie Griffing | Crew Lake, La. |
| Delhi—Mrs. L. Teer | Delhi, La. |
| Gilbert—Mrs. Martha Turner | Gilbert, La. |
| Little Creek—Mrs. Alvin McCarty | Rt. 3, Rayville, La. |
| Mangham—Mrs. Mary Reeves | Mangham, La. |
| Rayville—Mrs. W. L. Haley | Rayville, La. |
| Winnsboro—Mrs. Mosie Berry | Winnsboro, La. |
| Wisner—Mrs. W. A. Mecom | Wisner, La. |

ZONE FOUR

Leader, Mrs. D. L. Dickinson, Pioneer, Louisiana

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| Lake Providence—Mrs. J. W. Patrick | Lake Providence, La. |
| Oak Grove—Mrs. John R. McIntosh | Oak Grove, La. |
| Pioneer—Mrs. D. L. Dickinson | Pioneer, La. |

Transylvania—Mrs A. M. Braswell Transylvania, La.

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Athens—Mrs. G. L. Kilpatrick Athens, La.
Cotton Valley—Mrs. J. C. Brown Cotton Valley, La.
Cross Roads—Mrs. Joe Harmon Rt. 1, Athens, La.
Harmon Chapel—Mrs. J. M. Deason R. F. D., Dubach, La.
Haynesville—Mrs. T. H. Arnold Haynesville, La.
Homer—Mrs. Larkin Brantley Homer, La.
Springhill—Mrs. J. C. Gleason Springhill, La.
Lisbon—Mrs. Otis Welch Lisbon, La.

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Bienville—Mrs. L. G. McCoy Bienville, La.
Brushwood—Mrs. LaVelle Perryman Dubberly, La.
Evergreen—Mrs. Bill Martin Grove, La.

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| Gibbsland—Mrs. Felix A. Coleman | Gibbsland, La. |
| Heflin—Mrs. J. J. Stovall | Heflin, La. |
| McIntyre—Mrs. L. N. Johnson | Rt. 4, Minden, La. |
| Minden—Mrs. C. M. Ritchie | Minden, La. |
| Pine Grove—Mrs. H. G. Dunn | Rt. 6, Minden, La. |
| Sibley—Mrs. H. C. Ross | Sibley, La. |
| Ringgold—Mrs. Etoyle Conly | Ringgold, La. |

Zone 3—Leader, Mrs. Robert McGehee, Downsville, Louisiana

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| Calhoun—Mrs. Claude Roberts | Calhoun, La. |
| Choudrant—Mrs. Roy Grant | Choudrant, La. |
| Claiborne—Mrs. J. R. Frankton | Rt. 1, West Monroe, La. |
| Downsville—Mrs. J. A. McDaniel | Downsville, La. |
| Farmerville—Mrs. J. B. Hester | Farmerville, La. |
| Marion—Mrs. S. L. Reeves | Marion, La. |
| Ruston—Mrs. Paul Davis | Ruston, La. |
| Union—Mrs. John McNeil | Rt. 1, Marion, La. |

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. Paul Stinson, Jonesboro, Louisiana

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| Chatham—Mrs. Herman Wilder | Chatham, La. |
| Clay—Mrs. Sallie Willett | Clay, La. |
| Eros—Mrs. R. L. Golson | R. F. D., Monroe, La. |
| Hodge—Mrs. Rufus Long | Hodge, La. |
| Jonesboro—Mrs. J. C. Baker | Jonesboro, La. |

Zone 5—Leader, Mrs. F. M. Hood, Simsboro, Louisiana

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| Alabama—Mrs. A. M. Harrell | Rt. 3, Bernice, La. |
| Antioch—Mrs. R. H. Trussell | Rt. 2, Bernice, La. |
| Arcadia—Mrs. Loyd Stewart | Arcadia, La. |
| Bernice—Mrs. Allen Mabry | Bernice, La. |
| Dubach—Mrs. J. P. McCallum | Dubach, La. |
| Hilly—Mrs. V. C. Larence | Hilly, La. |
| Simsboro—Mrs. J. O. Dillon | Simsboro, La. |
| Summerfield—Mrs. C. V. Palmer | Summerfield, La. |

SHREVEPORT DISTRICT

Zone 1—Leader, Mrs. W. O. Lytton, Gilliam, Louisiana

| Societies—Presidents | Addresses |
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| Gilliam—Mrs. M. Dear | Gilliam, La. |
| Hosston—Mrs. A. B. McKinney | Hosston, La. |
| Ida—Mrs. C. W. Johns | Ida, La. |
| Mooringsport—Mrs. John L. Sharp | Mooringsport, La. |
| Munnerlyn Chapel—Miss Millie Wysinger | Mira, La. |
| Oil City—Mrs. P. H. Burton | Oil City, La. |
| Rodessa—Mrs. M. F. Smith | Rodessa, La. |
| Vivian—Mrs. J. T. Robinson | Vivian, La. |

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| Zone 2—Leader, Mrs. W. J. Givens, 428 Bennett St., Bossier City, La. | |
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| Bossier City—Mrs. W. J. Givens | 428 Bennett St., Bossier City, La. |
| Haughton—Mrs. J. T. Little | Haughton, La. |
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| Grand Cane—Mrs. C. C. Payne | Grand Cane, La. |
| Keithville—Mrs. W. G. McCord | Keithville, La. |
| Logansport—Mrs. J. R. Cromwell | Logansport, La. |
| Stonewall—Mrs. W. L. Gilmer | Stonewall, La. |
| Summer Grove—Mrs. A. Ardis Taylor | Keithville, La. |

Zone 4—Leader, Mrs. J. S. Segura, Mansfield, Louisiana

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| Coral Creek—Mrs. N. B. Coffey | Rt. 2, Coushatta, La. |
| Coushatta—Mrs. Fred Willis | Coushatta, La. |

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| East Point—Mrs. A. A. Cobb | East Point, La. |
| Hall Summit—Mrs. J. F. Sconyers | Hall Summit, La. |
| Mansfield—Mrs. A. A. Kidd | Mansfield, La. |
| Mitchell—Mrs. J. D. Sistrunk | Mitchell, La. |
| Pelican—Mrs. F. N. Breazeale | Pelican, La. |
| Pleasant Hill—Miss Susie Haynes | Pleasant Hill, La. |
| Zwolle—Mrs. O. L. Salter | Zwolle, La. |
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| Greenwood—Mrs. Lewis Hill | Greenwood, La. |
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| Cedar Grove—Mrs. Chas. Ault | 6506 Tulsa, Shreveport, La. |
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| Wynn Memorial—Mrs. H. Rayburn ... | 3120 Alabama, Shreveport, La. |



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